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OUTLINES.

A riot in the streets of Kansas City yesterday between the police and a small band of religious fanatics, resulted in the death of a patrolman and fatal injury of others, followed by the shooting down of a street preacher, who was the leader of the band——The Atlantic battleship fleet is expected to arrive [illegible] cruise around the world at Hampton Roads on February 22nd, where it will be welcomed by President Roosevelt——The all-age stake of the Virginia-Carolina Field Trials Association was won at Spray, N. C., yesterday——President-elect Taft was yesterday unanimously re-elected president of the Red Cross Society——President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft in speeches at a joint conservation meeting in Washington yesterday advocated the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements——The Guatemalan Minister at Washington and several in his party were injured in an automobile accident yesterday——The President's message was read in Congress yesterday. Neither house transacted any business of consequence——Francis D. Hirschberg, a prominent citizen of St. Louis, was shot to death in his home yesterday. The case is a mystery——The President sends a special message to Congress in reference to the National Guard and a bill to reorganize the same is introduced in the Senate——Mr. Bryce, the British Ambassador, was one of the speakers at the Southern Commercial Congress in Washington yesterday——The Government gives out the ginners' report showing 11,019,864 bales of cotton ginned to December 1st——New York markets: Cotton quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands 9.25, middling gulf 9.50. Flour dull and about steady. Wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.10 3-4 to 1.12 1-4 elevator. Corn easy, No. 2, 69 to arrive elevator. Oats firm, mixed 54 1-2 to 55. Rosin steady, turpentine steady at 42 3-4. Money on call easy at 2 to 2 1-2 per cent., ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 2 1-4, offered at 2 1-2.

We are more interested in what the Southern press will say about that Taft speech than in the speech itself.

Roosevelt has but one more chance at a public message to Congress. We suppose, of course, he will issue a farewell address to that body.

An exchange says Roosevelt is preparing to hunt bears in South Africa next spring. We are afraid he will find few bears in that part of the world.

It looks like the Southern Democracy is fast becoming a party of commercial high tariff advocates, no matter what its views on the question as a political issue.

Just suppose Christmas had not been put back to December 25th from January 6th, when the calendar was changed! What a dry Christmas the one this year would be to some folks!

An Ohio widow gives an infatuated suitor a check for one hundred dollars to keep him from committing suicide, then stops payment of the check. Oh, these heartless merry widows!

Uncle Sam had better hurry up with the digging of his Panama canal, else Mexico will get ahead of him in establishing inter-ocean traffic via the Tehuantepec ship railway.

Latest developments indicate that Mrs. Rice may have been more accommodating than she would have the jury believe in the matter of helping Dr. Rustin get rid of his worldly troubles.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to suspend the principles of the Monroe doctrine long enough to allow the Dutch to make a lodgement on the coast of Venezuela and teach Castro a good, wholesome lesson?

It is said that about every other Democrat one meets in the State of Indiana is a candidate for the United States Senate. The Democrats have not had a chance of seats at the pie counter in that State for a long while.

Charlotte seems to have a bigger job on her hands than building the Selwyn or the skyscraper office building, or paving its streets and it is to get a form of government suitable to her present immense size and prospective rapid growth.

Why should Southern Democratic papers object to "Brother Charles" going to the Senate? Whom-so-ever the Ohio Legislature may elect is bound to be a Republican and anyone is an improvement on Foraker so far as the South is concerned.

Frederick A. Hyde, of San Francisco, recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States of large tracts of land in Oregon and Washington, was yesterday sentenced in the District of Columbia Criminal Court to pay a fine of $10,000 and to serve two years in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., the maximum penalty under the law.

BAPTISTS OF STATE

Great Convention Assembles in Wilson, N. C., With Conference of Pastors.

LOCAL PASTORS LEAVING

Between 500 and 800 Delegates Expected During The Week—Dr. Hale Spoke Last Night—Programme of Exercises.

Carrying up excellent reports of the work of their respective churches during the past year, pastors of Wilmington congregations left yesterday for Wilson, N. C., where the great Baptist State convention will be in session this week. Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Church, and Rev. C. F. Whitlock, pastor of Brooklyn church, left yesterday morning, and Rev. G. A. Martin, pastor of Southside, left last evening.

Wilson has shown a large spirit of hospitality in opening its hearts and homes to the convention and a most pleasant and profitable session is expected. From 500 to 800 lay and clerical delegates are expected to be in attendance. The convention proper will not meet until today, but the Pastor's Conference assembled on last evening and will continue until this afternoon. The conference opened at 7:30 last evening with devotional exercises by Rev. A. V. Joyner, sermon by Rev. J. D. Hufham and organization. The first subject considered was "The Pastor's Relation to the Training of His Church,' 'the phase of for service having been treated by Rev. M. A. Adams; in systematic giving, by Rev. W. B. Morton, and in doctrine, by Rev. Dr. Hale, of Wilmington.

This morning the session will begin with devotional exercises by Rev. J. Paul Bowers, who will deliver an address on "The Relation of the Pastor to the Prayermeeting and the Pastor's Relation to His Congregation, while other phases will be discussed as follows: To the children, Rev. R. A. McFarland; to the young people, Rev. L. R. Pruitt; to the home life of his people, Rev. G. M. Duke; to the outside community, Rev. T. B. Justice; to soul winning, Rev. A. J. Moncrief, Rev. G. T. Watkins and Rev. J. R. Doan. Tonight Rev. Dr. Wm. Lunsford, of Asheville, will preach the convention sermon A quartette from Wake Forest Glee Club will render the music for the convention.

EXHIBIT OF FINE ART

Handsome Collection of Water Colors From Brush of Lewis.

Mr. Burnett H. Stephens has been fortunate enough to secure what is declared by competent art critics to be one of the finest collections of water colors ever seen in the State, there being some 42 pictures in the collection, valued at something over a thousand dollars. They are from the brush of Mr. C. E. Lewis, an artist of Pennsylvania, who made the delivery here on his way to Florida where he will prepare another colection of paintings. The views in the collection of Mr. Stephens are in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia where he spent the past season. The scenes of Mr. Lewis in the beautiful Sapphire country of Nerth Carolina and of the sand dunes and surf on the South Carolina and Georgia coasts have almost a local color for Wilmington people. All admirers of the best in art are invited to visit Mr. Stephen's offices in the I. O. O. F. building, second floor, where they are displayed in the reception room for the inspection of all callers.

SEND IN THE JINGLES

Contest Closes Friday, Early Contributions Stand Best Chance.

Those who contemplate entering the jingle contest advertised in Sunday's paper are reminded that early contributions stand much the better chance of winning. All jingles are submitted to the advertiser for selection and in the hurry and loss of "first impression" late "jinglers" are apt to suffer. Contributions may be addressed to the Jingle Editor, Mr. Duff, who is already busy with early efforts. Those who contemplate entering the contest are requested to send them in as early as possible with the assurance of more careful consideration as stated above. The particulars of the contest are given in full in the page advertisement in Sunday's paper. No need to ask for any further information.

Miss Sarah Brown Dead.

Friends of Miss Sarah Brown will learn with sorrow of her death which occurred late yesterday afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital where she had been for treatment for some time. She was in the 87th year of her age and for years had lived at the Katherine Kennedy Home, whence she was removed to the hospital during her last illness. The funeral will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from Grace M. E. Church and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Don't forget the Horse Sale at Mills' stables Friday at 11 o'clock. **

DULL IN SUPERIOR COURT

No Cases of Interest for Hearing at Yesterday's Session—Verdict For Plaintiff in Taylor Against Thomas—Notes.

Again yesterday in New Hanover Superior Court there was very little doing of public interest. The jury in the case of J. A. Taylor against A. P. Thomas rendered a verdict of $1,526.43 and interest from Dec. 30th, 1907, in favor of the plaintiff, after being out but a short time, the case having been continued over from Monday for argument by counsel. Notice of an appeal was given by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, counsel for defendant.

With the exception of a couple of divorce cases, the remainder of yesterday's session was taken up with the trial of the suit of the Murchison National Bank against Dunn Oil Mills Co., and J. D. Barnes, involving the payment of a draft for $286 with interest from Feb. 9th, 1904, the draft having been deposited with the plaintiff in this city by the defunct Farmers' Bank, of Dunn, N. C. The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. Rountree & Carr and ex-Judge E. K. Bryan, of Wilmington, and the defendants by J. C. Clifford and N. A. Townsend, Esqs., of Dunn; Hon. John D. Bellamy and Woodus Kellum, Esq., of Wilmington. Argument to the jury was in progress when court took a recess for the day at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The jury which has the case in hearing is composed of O. F. Corbett, J. McRee Hatch, A. H. Weedon, A. L. Dosher, J. C. Stewart, A. T. Pendergraft, J. B. Elkins, J. C. McEachin, J. H. Johnson, T. L. Skipper, A. B. Rhodes and Calvin Reaves.

The divorces granted yesterday were in cases of William Henry New against Mary E. New and Frances Hansley against Silvia Hansley.

The suit brought by the City of Wilmington against Iredell Meares, Esq., for an accounting of the back tax settlement which has been in controversy for several years, has been continued until next term.

COMMANDER HAYWOOD CLARK.

Commanding Naval Squadron Under Sealed Orders Up Northeast.

(By Wireless to the Star.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 7.—(Delayed in Transmission)—For some time recently during the past month active preparations have been made for a naval expedition up the Northeast river. Arms of different calibre, ordnance supplies, sundry boxes shells, quartermaster and commissary stores for both man and beast, tents, bedding and all and sundry paraphernalia have been requisitioned for. The personnel of the outfit: Commodore Haywood Clark, A. C. Line, as gallant an officer as ever trod vestibuled deck, punched pasteboard, assisted a lady to alight burdened with band boxes or wore a rosebud buttoniere, will be in entire command. Flagship Vernie B., Robert D. Pearsall, master. The Sea Gull under Lieut. Commander Luther Casteen, the Annie May as a transport, bossed by John L. Casteen, will compose the squadron. The expedition sails under sealed orders (for fear the game may get the wind of it and scat away) but having a kind of inside clue we learn they will first cast anchor at Pinchgut or Shaken and set trot lines for catfish. From there Pitch Kettle, Wolf Scrape, Hill Swamp, Purgatory, Stocking Head, Burnt Coat, Nahunga and Gum Pudding Swamps will be explored for game. Anything will be bagged from a pole cat to a 300-lb. bear or in the bird line from a joree to a 10-foot eagle. In the day time hunting and fishing will be the order while at night Charlie Tyson and his four yellow coon dogs have been secured at enormous cost and the woods will with a welkin ring. The services of Marshall Williams have been secured, who can serve quail on toast and fricaseed frogs to suit the taste of an oil king. The outfit will remain in camp and on deck until fully satisfied with all pleasures thereunto appertaining, but we would warn them as one that knows the similarity that mutton chops and bear steak, fricaseed frog legs and spring chicken are almost identical in taste and to beware of the sheep folds and fowl houses of the denizen of those localities above mentioned. In the meantime Wilmington, the World and Rocky Point awaits with breathless interests news from its operation. Your correspondent will try to be in wireless daily with the expedition and keep your readers posted.

Mr. Tate Bowden in Extremis.

The many friends of Mr. L. Tate Bowden will regret to hear that he is critically ill and not expected to live at the home of his sister, Mrs. King, No. 505 North Seventh street. Mr. Bowden had a recurrent attack of his asthmatic trouble Saturday night and yesterday morning pneumonia developed in one lung and the attending physician thinks there is congestion of the other. His physician and a trained nurse are with him continuously but the end is expected at most any time.

Annual Sale Tomorrow.

For the benefit of the District Nurse Fund, the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will hold a sale tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at No. 110 Nun street. The proceeds will be for a worthy cause and the co-operation of the people in making it a success will testify to their charity and and good will.

IN WAR OF WORDS

Col. McLean, of Lumberton, and Mr. Meares, of Wilmington, Exchange Compliments.

BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Question of Fee and Alleged Unprofessional Conduct in Compromise of Damage Case in Robeson County—Motion to Re-hear.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—A veritable "war of words" between Colonel N. A. McLean, of Lumberton, and Iredell Meares, Esq., of Wilmington, stirred a sensation this afternoon before the Supreme Court when there were charges and counter-charges of unprofessional conduct and Colonel McLean declared that only the traditional dignity of a court of justice and the respect due the justices on the bench in the matter of conduct and language in their presence prevented him from telling Mr. Meares he lied.

The heated argument, which was lengthy, grew out of a damage suit, Britt vs. Carolina and Northern Railroad Company at Lumberton in which Colonel McLean was counsel for the railroad company and Mr. Meares for the plaintiff. There had been a verdict and judgment of $21,000 affirmed by the Supreme Court. A motion to rehear was allowed and pending this, a settlement of $12,000 was effected by Colonel McLean through, E. J. Britt, Esq., of Lumberton, a brother of the plaintiff as his leading counsel. Later Mr. Meares and McIntyre & Lawrence, of plaintiff's counsel, became dissatisfied and filed a petition to allow them as a fee 25 per cent. of the original judgment instead of the compromise amount. The charge was made that Colonel McLean avoided Mr. Meares entirely and used unfair means with other counsel to get the compromise. Colonel McLean exhibited a receipt for the amount of the compromise and counsel fees in full signed by plaintiff's counsel including Mr. Meares' fee. The Supreme Court will pass on the case later.

IN TRUSTEE'S HANDS.

Compromise With Creditors Effected by Bag Mfg. Co.

A deed of trust was filed yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds from the Willard Bag & Manufacturing Company to Joseph W. Yates, trustee, to whom all the property of the corporation is conveyed under the terms of a compromise with its creditors by which the plant will be continued under the same operation and with every prospect of recovering from its financial embarrassment, rumors of which have been current for some time.

The preamble to the deed sets forth that whereas the company is indebted in considerable sums to the Atlantic National Bank, the Carolina Savings and Trust Co., the Southern National Bank and Mrs. Mary H. Willard and said creditors for the purpose of adjusting a compromise and settling their several claims and certain other obligations assumed by them have proposed and agreed to accept in full settlement thereof four promissory notes of the company aggregating $25,500, payable $5,000 April 1st, 1909, $15,750 on June 1st, 1909, $7,375 payable June 1st, 1910, and another for $7,375 payable in a like period, secured by mortgage upon real estate, machinery and other property of the manufacturing company and have designated Jos. W. Yates as trustee to whom the notes shall be payable and to whom the property shall be conveyed and held by him for the creditors according to their respective rights and interest thereunder, the property at southeast corner of Second and Kidder streets and the machinery, etc., is transferred to the trustee named for $1 and the other considerations named. Upon the payment of the respective notes and the discharge of all other obligations named in the instrument, the deed of trust is to be dissolved and the property revert to the owners.

The instrument is signed by M. S. Willard, president, and E. Payson Willar, secretary and manager of the property.

Missing Since Illness.

Relatives are anxious regarding the whereabouts of Mr. J. F. Pope, who mysteriously disappeared following an illness at the James Walker Memorial hospital about 18 days ago since he has not been heard of by his people here. Various means resorted to in an effort to locate him have been without avail. His wife resides at the home of Mrs. W. T. Croom, No. 121 South Front street and any information concerning him will be gladly received.

Civil Officers Are Elected.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wilmington Light Infantry last night civil officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President H. B. Peschau, Vice President J. R. Murchison, Secretary and Treasurer P. L. Cantwell, Historian William Watters, Armory and Finance Committee, Capt. Wm. F. Robertson, L. E. Hall and J. B. Lynch.

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Wrightsville Beach Improvement and Developing Company Elects Officers for Ensuing Year—Reports Very Satisfactory.

The annual meeting of the Wrightsville Beach Improvement and Development Company, which owns the seventeen new and nicely furnished cottages that add so much to the beauty and attractiveness of Wrightsville Beach, was held yesterday at the office of Messrs. J. G. Wright & Son, on Princess street.

A large majority of the stock was represented in person and a most gratifying report of financial conditions was made. The outlook for a successful season is very bright. The stockholders of the company were much pleased with letters from nearly all the occupants of the cottages the past season in which each one spoke in highest terms of the comfort and conveniences of the Summer homes. The enterprise is entirely local and it is a pleasure to note its success.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President J. VanB. Metts, Vice President A. B. Skelding, Secretary and Treasurer Thos. H. Wright, Attorney Thos. W. Davis. The Board of Directors is composed of the above named officers and Messrs. Wm. E. Perdew, W. A. French, Jr., and Charles E. Taylor.

AUCTION SALE LIVE STOCK.

Banker Ponies, Driving and Draft Horses at Mills' Stables.

Elsewhere in today's paper Mr. Frank T. Mills announces that on Friday, the 11th, at his stables on North Second street, Mr. A. O. Newberry, of Newport, N. C., will be on hand with a car load of banker ponies, all well broken for ladies' and children's use, for sale at auction. The sale will commence promptly at 11 o'clock and every pony will be sold under guarantee. Immediately after the pony sale Mr. Mills will sell a lot of good driving and draft horses and mules. Fifty lap robes will also be placed on the market at this sale for what they will bring.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Additional Names to be Added to List Originally Furnished.

The Star has been requested to publish the following additions to the honor roll of the Wilmington High School as originally furnished for publication: Senior class, first honor, Miss Carrie Toomer; Freshman No. 2, first honor, Edwin McIntire; second honor, Ruth Lynch, Emma Woodward, Braddie Turrentine, Edna Lanier, Ethel Holmes, Marion Johnson, Katherina VonGlahn and Carlyle Shepard.

Deputy Register of Deeds Resigns.

With the close of the term of his appointment as Deputy Register of Deeds, Mr. Henry Horne, who has served most faithfully and efficiently the past two years in the office of Register of Deeds, John Haar, retired from that position with the first Monday in December. Mr. Haar has thus far not made an appointment to succeed Mr. Horne, handling the affairs of the office personally with Miss Madeline DeRosset as assistant.

Woman Was Robbed of $15.

Producing a small bank, which had been robbed of its contents, Nora White, a colored woman, made complaint to the police yesterday afternoon that $15 had been stolen from her by some one breaking into her room and afterwards rifling the little bank. She gave her home as No. 212 Brunswick street. The police are investigating the matter.

Before Circuit Court of Appeals.

Messrs. George Rountree, Herbert McClammy and Thos. W. Davis, of the Wilmington bar, left last night for Richmond, Va., where they will argue before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals the case of Corbitt Buggy Co., against Ricaud, receiver, which went up from the United States Court here. They will return to the city Thursday or Friday.

INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE RIDE.

Guatemalan Minister and Attaches Injured Near Washington.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—While returning in an automobile from Virginia today, Senor Don Louis Toledo Herrarte, the Guatemalan minister, Senor Ramon Bengoechea, secretary of the legation, and three other diplomats accompanying them, were seriously injured by the machine skidding and overturning near the new highway bridge, connecting this city with the Virginia shore. The injured members of the party were hurriedly removed to the emergency hospital. Minister Herrarte is said to have sustained a fracture of the skull.

The Sale at A. Shrier's.

The Sale at A. Shrier's store is without question attracting throngs of buyers of clothing, hats, gents' furnishing goods, shoes, etc. It will save you many dollars by attending this sale for never was such high-grade wearing apparel sacrificed at such low prices. Schloss Bros. & Co's. Clothing, Regal Shoes, Hawes Hats are included in the sale at greatly reduced prices. It will be well worth your time to come and look at this stock and prices. It will pay you.

CAROLINA COLLEGE

Chairman of Board of Trustees Talks of Outlook For Maxton Institution.

CONFERENCE AT DURHAM

Agricultural Company Chartered at Artesia, Columbus County—Governor in Washington—Educational Journal Bought—News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—Chairman W. B. Cooper, of the Board of trustees of the Carolina Methodist College being established by the North Carolina Conference at Maxton, was here today on his way from Wilmington to Durham where the annual conference meets tomorrow.

He said that reports to be submitted at conference on the progress of the Carolina College movement will show about $50,000 in cash and solvent subscriptions and the work well under way on several of the college buildings. It is the purpose to have the institution ready for opening next Fall and to put not less than $100,000 in the plant. He thinks it very probable that the conference at this session will take some definite action as to the proposed college for girls to be located in Raleigh, a suitable site being already selected in the Glenwood suburb.

The Adjutant General commissions H. L. Allen captain and M. M. Drake first lieutenant of Co. K, Third Regiment, at Weldon.

The Artesia Agricultural Co., of Artesia, Columbus county, was chartered today for general farm operations, M. J. Best being among the incorporators. The capital is $1,000.

The North Carolina Educational Journal, Durham, is purchased from H. E. Seeman by W. F. Marshall, of the Mutual Publishing Co., and it will be moved to Raleigh Jan. 1st. The purchase is by Mr. Marshall personally and Prof. E. C. Brooks is to continue its editor with an enlarged scope, taking in both the educational and literary activities of the State.

Governor Glenn is in Washington attending the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and other commercial and civic conventions in session there. He finds it impossible to stop in Suffolk for a temperance address upon his return, as he had expected.

GOES FOR LONG TOW.

Tug Jones Left at Midnight for Kingston, Jamaica—The Trip.

The Wilmington tug Alexander Jones, Capt. W. A. Sanders in command, with Pilot Myers, of Jacksonville, Fla., on board, left last midnight for Southport and will sail at daylight for Kingston, Jamaica, to tow to Wilmington the schooner Carrie A. Norton, which was dismasted and otherwise wrecked off that coast a few weeks ago. The schooner belongs to the Gilbert Transportation Co., of Mystic, Conn., and arrangements will be made upon her arrival here to tow further North, if it is deemed expedient.

Aboard the tug will be Capt. Leighton and Mate Murray, who will be aboard the schooner for her tow to Wilmington, and Mr. Edward B. Moore, of this city, agent for the Wilmington, Southport & Little River Co., who goes for the pleasure and experience afforded by the trip. Mr. Moore's many friends as well as those of Capt. Sanders and other members of the party wish for them a safe and pleasant voyage.

EARLY BLIND TIGER

Negro Sold Whiskey Illegally on Streets—Get Terms.

In the police court yesterday a case of some consequence, and a forerunner of what is expected to cause the authorities in this city unusual activity, with the prevalence of prohibition, developed in the arrest of Ed. Davis, colored, who on last Sunday deliberately sold a pint of whiskey to Willie Weeks, also colored, and received the money from the purchaser while Officer Leon George was looking on. The illegal transaction occurred on Fourth street last Sunday morning about 5 o'clock. This is the first of this kind, familiarly known as blind tiger offenders, the police here have had to contend with recently. Mayor Springer placed the defendant under $50 bond and in default he was sent to jail.

Joe Stewart and Harrison McKoy, both colored, charged with vagrancy, were given 30 days each on the roads.

A number for disorderly conduct were Bryant Jones, 30 days on the roads, and Mary King, Rosa Teachey and Katie Smith, all colored, like sentences to the county farm.

Sound Property For Sale.

Messrs. L. C. Powell & Co., who recently conducted a successful sale of lots in the southern part of the city announce an auction sale of 35 choice residence lots on Greenville Sound, about 300 yards west of the station, on the suburban line. The date is Monday, December 14th, at 1 P. M. There will be music by a band and free transportation to the grounds.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the president's annual message to congress. The message in its entirety is too long to admit of its publication in full, but we give those parts of it which will be of greatest interest to the people of this section of the country. Notwithstanding the fact that the report of the secretary of the treasury shows that there is a deficit of many million dollars the President says the financial standing of the Government at present is excellent and the financial management of the nation's interest for the past seven years has shown satisfactory results—of course, since the men at the head of the treasury during that time have been his appointees. That the receipts have fallen behind the disbursements has been no fault of the executive branch of the Government; it was the fault of Congress, of course; but our readers must recollect that the Congress was controlled by the same political party which had charge of the executive branch of the administration.

In regard to railroad matters the President advocates a change in the law now existing which prohibits all combinations. He thinks the Sherman act should be so amended as to make its provisions less restrictive in order that greater justice may be done to both the railroads and to the patrons of the same. He urges that the railroads be put entirely under the inter-state commerce and removed from the anti-trust law, the power of the former commission made more general and sweeping.

Of course the President has a good deal to say on the subject of labor and protection of wage-earners, which includes a bid for the labor vote for the Republican party.

The President regrets the delay in proceedings in the federal courts and on the subject of labor's demand that there should be trial by jury in contempt cases he touches lightly, but rather by implication condemns the idea. He evidently was, in writing this part of his message, trying to pacify labor without committing himself to any definite proposition.

In the miscarriage of justice in many instances, he says the people themselves are to become, evidently forgetting the rasping he as President gave a certain federal court judge for the legal construction he put upon an act of Congress while trying a criminal case under that statute.

What will interest our people especially are his remarks on forest preservation and inland waterways. He is outspoken and positive in his declarations in behalf of the preservation of our forests in the interest of future generations and of the construction of inland waterways as means of adding to the transportation facilities of the people. When Speaker Cannon reads this part of the message he will be apt to decide that it will be better for him not to longer prevent consideration of the Appalachian and White mountains parks bill or to oppose the Government establishment of the deeper waterway through the sounds of Eastern North Carolina.

The President again recommends the establishment of Government savings banks and the parcel post service in rural districts.

On the whole the message is a much tamer one than was to be expected from the man who has established such a reputation for continually wielding the big stick. A careful reading of the message will lead one to conclude that Taft, instead of being a tool of the present incumbent of the presidential office, has had an influence over him in the drafting of his last annual message to Congress. The message is less Rooseveltian in language and style than any he has sent to congress during the seven years he has filled the office of president, but it is not, because of that, lacking in good sense and sound judgment on the subjects discussed.

OUR COURT SYSTEM.

Some of the lawyers in the West are talking about four more judicial districts in this State—twenty instead of sixteen as at present. This means fat offices for eight lawyers—four judges and four solicitors to be selected from the present members of the bar. We do not believe it will be done. It may be, as is claimed, that the civil docket is congested in some counties and that because of the crowded State docket civil cases cannot be reached, and that there should be some relief. No doubt this is the case in several counties in the State, but we do not think the proper relief lies in the adding of more judicial districts to those already established, but rather in the more judicious division of the State into the present number of districts and distribution of the time for holding courts among the counties of those districts. In some counties the judges' whole time each time of court is taken up in trying criminal cases were the criminal and civil dockets are called at the same term or the time allowed civil terms is out of proportion to that of criminal terms. What is wrong is that the counties in which lie the chief commercial cities of the State are not given enough time in the superior courts for the trial of civil causes, while other counties in the same districts are given so much time that it cannot be consumed in either criminal or civil suits and much time is wasted which cannot be utilized in those counties where it is needed. The State should be redistricted and the time more judiciously divided. If new districts are to be made let them be of criminal courts in those counties which have congested civil dockets with appeals on questions of law directly to the Supreme Court as is now the case in trials in the Superior Court. This might require an amendment to the State constitution, but it would be an amendment worth making.

THE HAITIEN REVOLUTION.

Now that Nord Alexis, "the Butcher" as his political enemies call him, has voluntarily (?) abandoned the Presidency of Haiti, what is to be done with that Republic and ward of the American nation? Are we to let it lapse into barbarism or to take it under our own protection and do with it as we did with the negroes of the South after their emancipation, or shall we suspend the Monroe doctrine and allow some European nation to take charge. If we would look only to the best interests of the local inhabitants we would pursue the last mentioned course looking at what the British Government has done in the island of Jamaica. It is the most progressive and the best government of all the islands of the Caribbean. We have Porto Rico on our hands now and may soon have Cuba. From the day the Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana nearly eleven years ago we have believed that Cuba would eventually become a part of the United States; whether it is to our interests to annex the island is a doubtful question. The annexation of Haiti and San Domingo is still more doubtful, in fact there could be little doubt about there being great disadvantage to our country in the annexation of that island, for we as a nation have already had trouble enough over the sentiment of the question of the status of our negro population and we do not want to enlarge it. For our own good the best thing we could do would be to let the Haitians settle their own trouble or let some European power settle it for them.

Iowa's new Senator, though a Republican, is a low-tariff advocate, but we have no doubt there is some article of manufacture or commerce his people are interested in that he will want the present high tariff to be maintained or a still higher one to be established. If such is not the case he will form an exception to the general rule governing the action of low tariff advocates.

The News and Observer says Bryan will not be a candidate in 1912. The Commoner intimates most strongly that he is still in the race and will continue to be be until after the meeting of the next Democratic Presidential convention. Every American is at liberty to make his choice between these two contradictory statements of Bryan organs.

Grosvenor, of Ohio, says tariff revision means to him a higher duty on wool. Some time ago Senator Tillman wanted the tariff revised so as to give the South Carolina rice planters greater protection; and still Hancock was laughed at for saying the tariff was a local issue.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—The postmasters affected by this order would make 15 solid regiments, each a good fighting man in his neighborhood, and influential with his neighbors. If these 15 regiments of postmasters were to march down Pennsylvania avenue, all of them shouting for Roosevelt and Taft it would not be difficult for bystanders to understand the reason for their enthusiasm. There would be nothing mysterious about it, nor discreditable, either.—Washington Post.

—It is quite natural that the Ways and Means Committee should have had difficulty in comprehending Mr. Justice's argument that foreign manufacturers get cheaper wool than ours and cheaper as well as lower priced labor, and yet the American manufacturers produce the cheapest woolen goods. Of course, if this were true the part would be greater than the whole. The fact is that the foreign manufacturer has the cheaper materials; the American manufacturer, while paying higher wages, gets cheaper labor, and the high duties on wool do not prevent the gradual decrease of wool growing in all the agricultural States. The Secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture certifies that in his State there are 15 free dogs for every protected sheep.—Philadelphia Record.

—Representative Burton, of Ohio, has two strings to his bow. He is a candidate for Senator from Ohio and he has been told practically that he can have the place of Secretary of the Treasury in the Taft administration. It isn't intimated that the secretaryship is a bait to win him away from his ambition to succeed Senator Foraker in the Senate. It is known that the President's brother, Charles P. Taft, is a candidate for the Ohio Senatorship. It would naturally be supposed that Mr. Taft would like to give his brother a helping hand, in view of the fact that the latter was such a large contributor to the Republican campaign fund. It is stated, however, by those who seem to be in a position to speak with authority that the President-elect will not interfere in any way in the Ohio Senatorial fight. Still, if Mr. Burton should decide that the Secretaryship of the Treasury would be a good place for him to retire to the fact would undoubtedly be appreciated by Mr. Charles P. Taft.—Savannah News.

—The second and closing session of the Sixtieth Congress, which begins today, will last less than three months and little is expected of it in the way of legislation apart from the passage of appropriation bills. This Congress has had to face a change in financial conditions and the effect still confronts it. In the fiscal years ending with June preceding its first session there was a treasury surplus of more than $84,000,000, but when it met in December last there had been a crisis in the affairs of the country that turned the tide in revenue receipts. For the last fiscal year there was a deficit of over $58,000,000 and this losing process has continued during the five months since. The huge surplus accumulated during a period of prosperity and heavy receipts from customs and internal revenue has been melting away for a year and threatens to disappear unless there is a retrenchment in expenditures. The warning was unheeded at the last session and appropriations exceeded all precedent, and it will require resolute resistance to prevent a continuance of prodigality with the public money.—Journal of Commerce.

—The Tehauntepec National railway of Mexico announces the completion of arrangements for the handling of merchandise under through rates and through bills of lading for transportation between Atlantic ports of the United States and Europe and ports on the Pacific ocean in the United States, Canada and South America. Many of our people will recall the famous enterprise proposed by the late Captain J. B. Eads, the great engineer, in which he organized a company to construct a railroad that would bring loaded ships from the Pacific ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, over the solid land of the isthmus of Tehauntepec, the narrow waist, as it were, of the Republic of Mexico. The commencement by a French company of the construction of a ship canal through the Isthmus of Panama prevented the consummation of Captain Eads' scheme, but since then an English company has built a regular traffic railroad over the Tehuantepec crossing, with magnificent harbors for ships of any draft at each terminus of the road, and all arrangements for traffic are now complete. The Tehuantepec crossing is due south of New Orleans and is distant some 800 miles on the south coast of our American Mediterranean.—New Orleans Picayune.

TWINKLINGS.

—Knicker—Where is his residence? Bocker—For voting, in New York; for divorce, in Dakota, and for good, in Europe.—New York Sun.

—"What we want is more plain speaking," cried the suffragette orator. "And not so many plain speakers," said some unmanly brute in the crowd.—Judy.

—The Easterner—When I was in New York I was one of the 400. The Westerner—I see. Which one of the two ciphers were you?—Chicago News.

—"What would you do, dear, if I were to die?" asked Mrs. Darley, fondly. "I don't know," replied Darley, thoughtfully; "which is your choice—burial or cremation?"—Illustrated Bits.

—"You don't mean to say that you are going back to horses?" "Temporarily. I have moved to a new country place, and I thought I should like to become acquainted with the scenery."—Life.

—Lady—I've been expecting a package of medicine by post for a week, and I haven't received it yet. P. O. Clerk—Yes, madam. Kindly fill in this form and state the nature of your complaint. Lady—Well, if you must know, it's biliousness.—Puck.

—The twins were being congratulated upon the arrival of a small brother when the neighbor inquired: "Well, how did you boys like the boy?" "Oh, answered Howard, nonchalently, "we thought it was all right; but mamma would rather have had an automobile."

—"Dennis," inquired Mr. Hogan, glancing up over the door of the Postoffice building, "what is the meanin' of thim letters 'MDCCCXCVIII'?" "They mean 'eighteen hundred an' ninety-eight'." "Dennis, don't it sthrike you thot they're carryin' this shpellin' reform entoirely too far?"—Everybodys.

—We passed, in the course of an hour, two dead cows and more than 50 dead chickens. A strong smell of gasoline pervaded the atmosphere, and there were wheel tracks in the dust. Sherlock Holmes became greatly interested. "Watson," exclaimed he, after deep thought, "there has been an automobile along here."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Right Sort of Immigrants.

(Chattanooga Times.)

Mr. R. W. Vincent, managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, has an article of great value and interest, especially to this section, in the November number of the World's Work on "Successful Immigration in the South." It gives the details of the establishment in North Carolina of "five self-sustaining and flourishing colonies, with more than 800 agriculturists," organized and promoted through the energy and effort of Mr. Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington. The chief feature of the article is that there are classes of immigrants coming into the United States who may quickly adapt themselves to Southern conditions, and who, because of their habits of industry and their experience in agriculture, become good citizens and successful producers, adding in both respects to the civic well-being and material wealth of the communities in which they live. These immigrants in the main take up lands the natives do not try to cultivate and by attention and careful treatment redeem them from waste.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Makes Annual Recommendations to Congress.

ATTACKS ANTI-TRUST LAW

Sherman Act Should Be Amended to Permit Combinations Which Are In the Interest of the Public, Says the President — Urges Legislation to Safeguard the Wageworkers—Dwells on Need of Protection For Forests. Views on the Army and the Navy.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In his message to congress, read to the two houses, the president said:

The financial standing of the nation at the present time is excellent, and the financial management of the nation's interests by the government during the last seven years has shown the most satisfactory results. But our currency system is imperfect, and it is earnestly to be hoped that the currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects.

During the period from July 1, 1901, to Sept. 30, 1908, there has been a net surplus of nearly one hundred millions of receipts over expenditures, a reduction of the interest bearing debt by ninety millions, in spite of the extraordinary expense of the Panama canal and a saving of nearly nine millions on the annual interest charge. This is an exceedingly satisfactory showing. There has been a reduction of taxation.

Corporations.

As regards the great corporations engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can only repeat what I have already again and again said in my messages to the congress. I believe that under the interstate clause of the constitution the United States has complete and paramount right to control all agencies of interstate commerce, and I believe that the national government alone can exercise this right with wisdom and effectiveness so as both to secure justice from and to do justice to the great corporations which are the most important factors in modern business. I believe that it is worse than folly to attempt to prohibit all combinations, as is done by the Sherman anti-trust law, because such a law can be enforced only imperfectly and unequally, and its enforcement works almost as much hardship as good. I strongly advocate that instead of an unwise effort to prohibit all combinations there shall be substituted a law which shall expressly permit combinations which are in the interest of the public, but shall at the same time give to some agency of the national government full power of control and supervision over them. One of the chief features of this control should be securing entire publicity in all matters which the public has a right to know and, furthermore, the power, not by judicial, but by executive, action to prevent or put a stop to every form of improper favoritism or other wrongdoing.

The railways of the country should be put completely under the interstate commerce commission and removed from the domain of the anti-trust law. The power of the commission should be made thoroughgoing, so that it could exercise complete supervision and control over the issue of securities as well as over the raising and lowering of rates. As regards rates, at least this power should be summary. Power to make combinations and traffic agreements should be explicitly conferred upon the railroads, the permission of the commission being first gained and the combination or agreement being published in all its details. The interests of the shareholders, of the employees and of the shippers should all be guarded as against one another. To give any one of them undue and improper consideration is to do injustice to the others. Rates must be made as low as is compatible with giving proper returns to all the employees of the railroad, from the highest to the lowest, and proper returns to the shareholders, but they must not, for instance, be reduced in such fashion as to necessitate a cut in the wages of the employees or the abolition of the proper and legitimate profits of honest shareholders.

Telegraph and telephone companies engaged in interstate business should be put under the jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission.

Ample Rewards For Intelligence.

It is to the interest of all of us that there should be a premium put upon individual initiative and individual capacity and an ample reward for the great directing intelligences alone competent to manage the great business operations of today. It is well to keep in mind that exactly as the anarchist is the worst enemy of liberty and the reactionary the worst enemy of order so the men who defend the rights of property have most to fear from the wrongdoers of great wealth, and the men who are championing popular rights have most to fear from the demagogues who in the name of popular rights would do wrong to and oppress honest business men, honest men of wealth, for the success of either type of wrongdoer necessarily invites a violent reaction against the cause the wrongdoer nominally upholds.

The opposition to government control of these great corporations makes its most effective effort in the shape of an appeal to the old doctrine of states' rights.

The proposal to make the national government supreme over, and therefore to give it complete control over, the railroads and other instruments of interstate commerce is merely a proposal to carry out to the letter one of the prime purposes, if not the prime purpose, for which the constitution was founded. It does not represent centralization.

I believe that the more farsighted corporations are themselves coming to recognize the unwisdom of the violent hostility they have displayed during the last few years to regulation and control by the national government of combinations engaged in interstate business.

Labor.

There are many matters affecting labor and the status of the wageworker to which I should like to draw your attention. As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery, organization and division of labor, accompanied by an effort to bring about a larger share in the ownership by wageworker of railway, mill and factory. In farming this simply means that we wish to see the farmer own his own land. We do not wish to see the farms so large that they become the property of absentee landlords who farm them by tenants nor yet so small that the farmer becomes like a European peasant.

The depositors in our savings banks now number over one-tenth of our entire population. These are all capitalists who through the savings banks loan their money to the workers—that is, in many cases to themselves—to carry on their various industries. Postal savings banks will make it easy for the poorest to keep their savings in absolute safety. The regulation of the national highways must be such that they shall serve all people with equal justice. Corporate finances must be supervised so as to make it far safer than at present for the man of small means to invest his money in stocks. There must be prohibition of child labor, diminution of woman labor, shortening of hours of all mechanical labor. Stock watering should be prohibited, and stock gambling, so far as is possible, discouraged. There should be a progressive inheritance tax on large fortunes. Industrial education should be encouraged.

Protection For Wageworkers.

There is one matter with which the congress should deal at this session. There should no longer be any paltering with the question of taking care of the wageworkers who, under our present industrial system, become killed, crippled or worn out as part of the regular incidents of a given business. The object sought for could be achieved to a measurable degree, as far as those killed or crippled are concerned, by proper employers' liability laws. As far as concerns those who have been worn out, I call your attention to the fact that definite steps toward providing old age pensions have been taken in many of our private industries.

Pending a thoroughgoing investigation and action there is certain legislation which should be enacted at once. The law passed at the last session of the congress granting compensation to certain classes of employees of the government should be extended to include all employees of the government and should be made more liberal in its terms. In this respect the generosity of the United States toward its employees compares most unfavorably with that of every country in Europe—even the poorest.

The terms of the act are also a hardship in prohibiting payment in cases where the accident is in any way due to the negligence of the employee. It is inevitable that daily familiarity with danger will lead men to take chances that can be construed into negligence.

I renew my recommendation made in a previous message that half holidays be granted during the summer to all wageworkers in government employ.

I also renew my recommendation that the principle of the eight hour day should as rapidly and as far as practicable be extended to the entire work being carried on by the government.

The Courts.

I most earnestly urge upon the congress the duty of increasing the totally inadequate salaries now given to our judges. On the whole, there is no body of public servants who do as valuable work nor whose moneyed reward is so inadequate compared to their work. Beginning with the supreme court, the judges should have their salaries doubled.

It is earnestly to be desired that some method should be devised for doing away with the long delays which now obtain in the administration of justice and which operate with peculiar severity against persons of small means and favor only the very criminals whom it is most desirable to punish.

At the last election certain leaders of organized labor made a violent and sweeping attack upon the entire judiciary of the country, an attack couched in such terms as to include the most upright, honest and broad minded judges no less than those of narrower mind and more restricted outlook. Last year before the house committee on the judiciary these same labor leaders formulated their demands, specifying the bill that contained them, refusing all compromise, stating they wished the principle of that bill or nothing. They insisted on a provision that in a labor dispute no injunction should issue except to protect a property right and specifically provided that the right to carry on business should not be construed as a property right, and in a second provision their bill made legal in a labor dispute any act or agreement by or between two or more persons that would not have been unlawful if done by a single person. In other words, this bill legalized blacklisting and boycotting in every form. The demand was made that there should be trial by jury in contempt cases, thereby most seriously impairing the authority of the courts. All this represented a course of policy which, if carried out, would mean the enthronement of class privilege in its crudest and most brutal form and the destruction of one of the most essential functions of the judiciary in all civilized lands.

The wageworkers, the workingmen, the laboring men of the country, by the way in which they repudiated the effort to get them to cast their votes in response to an appeal to class hatred have emphasized their sound patriotism and Americanism.

Courts Imperiled by Judges.

But the extreme reactionaries, the persons who blind themselves to the wrongs now and then committed by the courts on laboring men, should also think seriously as to what such a movement as this portends. The courts are jeopardied primarily by the action of these federal and state judges who show inability or unwillingness to put a stop to the wrongdoing of very rich men under modern industrial conditions.

There are certain decisions by various courts which have been exceedingly detrimental to the rights of wageworkers. This is true of all the decisions that decide that men and women are by the constitution "guaranteed their liberty" to contract to enter a dangerous occupation, or to work an undesirable or improper number of hours, or to work in unhealthy surroundings, and therefore cannot recover damages when maimed in that occupation and cannot be forbidden to work what the legislature decides is an excessive number of hours, or to carry on the work under conditions which the legislature decides to be unhealthy.

There is also, I think, ground for the belief that substantial injustice is often suffered by employees in consequence of the custom of courts issuing temporary injunctions without notice to them and punishing them for contempt of court in instances where, as a matter of fact, they have no knowledge of any proceedings. Provision should be made that no injunction or temporary restraining order issue otherwise than on notice, except where irreparable injury would otherwise result, and in such case a hearing on the merits of the order should be had within a short fixed period, and if not then continued after hearing it should forthwith lapse. Decisions should be rendered immediately and the chance of delay minimized in every way.

The courts are to be highly commended and stanchly upheld when they set their faces against wrongdoing or tyranny by a majority, but they are to be blamed when they fail to recognize under a government like ours the deliberate judgment of the majority as to a matter of legitimate policy when duly expressed by the legislature. The people should not be permitted to pardon evil and slipshod legislation on the theory that the court will set it right. They should be taught that the right way to get rid of a bad law is to have the legislature repeal it and not to have the courts by ingenious hair splitting nullify it.

People Themselves to Blame.

For many of the shortcomings of justice in our country our people as a whole are themselves to blame, and the judges and juries merely bear their share together with the public as a whole. It is discreditable to us as a people that there should be difficulty in convicting murderers or in bringing to justice men who as public servants have been guilty of corruption or who have profited by the corruption of public servants.

The huge wealth that has been accumulated by a few individuals of recent years, in what has amounted to a social and industrial revolution, has been as regards some of these individuals made possible only by the improper use of the modern corporation. Corporations are necessary instruments of modern business. They have been permitted to become a menace largely because the governmental representatives of the people have worked slowly in providing for adequate control over them.

Real damage has been done by the manifold and conflicting interpretations of the interstate commerce law. Control over the great corporations doing interstate business can be effective only if it is vested with full power in an administrative department, a branch of the federal executive, carrying out a federal law. It can never be effective if a divided responsibility is left in both the states and the nation. It can never be effective if left in the hands of the courts to be decided by lawsuits.

The courts hold a place of peculiar and deserved sanctity under our form of government. Respect for the law is essential to the permanence of our institutions, and respect for the law is largely conditioned upon respect for the courts. But we must face the fact that there are wise and unwise judges, just as there are wise and unwise executives and legislators. When a president or governor behaves improperly or unwisely the remedy is easy, for his term is short. The same is true with the legislator, although not to the same degree. With a judge who, being human, is also likely to err, but whose tenure is for life, there is no similar way of holding him to responsibility. Under ordinary conditions the only forms of pressure to which he is in any way amenable are public opinion and the action of his fellow judges. It is the last which is most immediately effective and to which we should look for the reform of abuses.

Forests.

If there is any one duty which more than another we owe it to our children and our children's children to perform at once it is to save the forests of this country, for they constitute the first and most important element in the conservation of the natural resources of the country.

Shortsighted persons, or persons blinded to the future by desire to make money in every way out of the present, sometimes speak as if no great damage would be done by the reckless destruction of our forests. It is difficult to have patience with the arguments of these persons. Thanks to our own recklessness in the use of our splendid forests, we have already crossed the verge of a timber famine in this country, and no measures that we now take can, at least for many years, undo the mischief that has already been done. But we can prevent further mischief being done, and it would be in the highest degree reprehensible to let any consideration of temporary convenience or temporary cost interfere with such action, especially as regards the national forests, which the nation can now at this very moment control.

[The president here cites in support of his contentions the great destruction wrought in China by the denudation of the forest areas.]

What has thus happened in northern China, what has happened in central Asia, in Palestine, in north Africa, in parts of the Mediterranean countries of Europe, will surely happen in our country if we do not exercise that wise forethought which should be one of the chief marks of any people calling itself civilized. Nothing should be permitted to stand in the way of the preservation of the forests, and it is criminal to permit individuals to purchase a little gain for themselves through the destruction of forests when this destruction is fatal to the well being of the whole country in the future.

Inland Waterways.

Action should be begun forthwith, during the present session of congress, for the improvement of our inland waterways—action which will result in giving us not only navigable but navigated rivers. We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars upon these waterways, yet the traffic on nearly all of them is steadily declining. This condition is the direct result of the absence of any comprehensive and farseeing plan of waterway improvement. Obviously we cannot continue thus to expend the revenues of the government without return. It is poor business to spend money for inland navigation unless we get it.

Such shortsighted, vacillating and futile methods are accompanied by decreasing water borne commerce and increasing traffic congestion on land, by increasing floods and by the waste of public money. The remedy lies in abandoning the methods which have so signally failed and adopting new ones in keeping with the needs and demands of our people.

In a report on a measure introduced at the first session of the present congress the secretary of war said, "The chief defect in the methods hitherto pursued lies in the absence of executive authority for originating comprehensive plans covering the country or natural divisions thereof." In this opinion I heartily concur.

Until the work of river improvement is undertaken in a modern way it cannot have results that will meet the needs of this modern nation. These needs should be met without further dilly-dallying or delay. The plan which promises the best and quickest results is that of a permanent commission authorized to co-ordinate the work of all the government departments relating to waterways and to frame and supervise the execution of a comprehensive plan. The time for playing with our waterways is past. The country demands results.

National Parks.

I urge that all our national parks adjacent to national forests be placed completely under the control of the forest service of the agricultural department, instead of leaving them, as they are now, under the interior department and policed by the army.

Pure Food.

The pure food legislation has already worked a benefit difficult to overestimate.

Secret Service.

Last year an amendment was incorporated in the measure providing for the secret service which provided that there should be no detail from the secret service and no transfer therefrom. It is not too much to say that this amendment has been of benefit only, and could be of benefit only, to the criminal classes. The amendment in question was of benefit to no one excepting to criminals, and it seriously hampers the government in the detection of crime and the securing of justice. It prevents the promotion of employees in the secret service, and this further discourages good effort. In its present form the restriction operates only to the advantage of the criminal, of the wrongdoer.

The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past, but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a senator and a congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service, and exactly as we have again and again during the past seven years prosecuted and convicted such criminals who were in the executive branch of the government so in my belief we should be given ample means to prosecute them if found in the legislative branch. But if this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law prohibiting the use of the secret service force in investigating members of the congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually was done and strive to prevent or at least to hamper effective action against criminals by the executive branch of the government.

Postal Savings Banks.

I again renew my recommendation for postal savings banks, for depositing savings with the security of the government behind them. The object is to encourage thrift and economy in the wage earner and person of moderate means. It is believed that in the aggregate vast sums of money would be brought into circulation through the instrumentality of the postal savings banks. Postal savings banks are now in operation in practically all the great civilized countries with the exception of the United States.

Parcel Post.

In my last annual message I commended the postmaster general's recommendation for an extension of the parcel post on the rural routes. The establishment of a local parcel post on rural routes would be to the mutual benefit of the farmer and the country storekeeper, and it is desirable that the routes, serving more than 15,000,000 people, should be utilized to the fullest practicable extent.

Education.

The share that the national government should take in the broad work of education has not received the attention and the care it rightly deserves.

I earnestly recommend that this unfortunate state of affairs as regards the national educational office be remedied by adequate appropriations.

Census.

I strongly urge that the request of the director of the census in connection with the decennial work so soon to be begun be complied with and that the appointments to the census force be placed under the civil service law, waiving the geographical requirements as requested by the director of the census. The supervisors and enumerators should not be appointed under the civil service law for the reasons given by the director.

Public Health.

The dangers to public health from food adulteration and from many other sources, such as the menace to the physical, mental and moral development of children from child labor, should be met and overcome. This nation cannot afford to lag behind in the worldwide battle now being waged by all civilized people with the microscopic foes of mankind. The first legislative step to be taken is that for the concentration of the proper bureaus into one of the existing departments.

Statehood.

I advocate the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states. This should be done at the present session of the congress. The people of the two territories have made it evident by their votes that they will not come in as one state. The only alternative is to admit them as two, and I trust that this will be done without delay.

Foreign Affairs.

This nation's foreign policy is based on the theory that right must be done between nations precisely as between individuals, and in our actions for the last ten years we have in this matter proved our faith by our deeds. We have behaved and are behaving toward other nations as in private life an honorable man would behave toward his fellows.

Latin American Republics.

The commercial and material progress of the twenty Latin American republics is worthy of the careful attention of the congress. No other section of the world has shown a greater proportionate development of its foreign trade during the last ten years, and none other has more special claims on the interest of the United States.

Panama Canal.

The work on the Panama canal is being done with a speed, efficiency and entire devotion to duty which make it a model for all work of the kind. No task of such magnitude has ever before been undertaken by any nation, and no task of the kind has ever been better performed. The men on the isthmus, from Colonel Goethals and his fellow commissioners through the entire list of employees who are faithfully doing their duty, have won their right to the ungrudging respect and gratitude of the American people.

Ocean Mail Lines.

I again recommend the extension of the ocean mail act of 1891 so that satisfactory American ocean mail lines to South America, Asia, the Philippines and Australasia may be established. The creation of such steamship lines should be the natural corollary of the voyage of the battle fleet. It should precede the opening of the Panama canal.

The Philippines.

Real progress toward self government is being made in the Philippine Islands. The gathering of a Philippine legislative body and Philippine assembly marks a process absolutely new in Asia, not only as regards Asiatic colonies of European powers, but as regards Asiatic possessions of other Asiatic powers, and indeed, always excepting the striking and wonderful example afforded by the great empire of Japan, it opens an entirely new departure when compared with anything which has happened among Asiatic powers which are their own masters. We have given the Filipinos constitutional government, a government based upon justice, and we have shown that we have governed them for their good and not for our aggrandizement.

At the present time, as during the past ten years, the inexorable logic of facts shows that this government must be supplied by us and not by them. We must be wise and generous. We must help the Filipinos to master the difficult art of self control, which is simply another name for self government. But we cannot give them self government save in the sense of governing them so that gradually they may, if they are able, learn to govern themselves. No one can prophesy the exact date when it will be wise to consider independence as a fixed and definite policy.

Porto Rico.

I again recommend that American citizenship be conferred upon the people of Porto Rico.

Cuba.

In Cuba our occupancy will cease in about two months' time. The Cubans have in orderly manner elected their own governmental authorities, and the island will be turned over to them. Our occupation on this occasion has lasted a little over two years, and Cuba has thriven and prospered under it. Our earnest hope and one desire is that the people of the island shall now govern themselves with justice, so that peace and order may be secure.

The Fleet's Reception.

I take this opportunity publicly to state my appreciation of the way in which in Japan, in Australia, in New Zealand and in all the states of South America the battle fleet has been received on its practice voyage around the world. The American government cannot too strongly express its appreciation of the abounding and generous hospitality shown our ships in every port they visited.

The Army.

As regards the army, I call attention to the fact that, while our junior officers and enlisted men stand very high, the present system of promotion by seniority results in bringing into the higher grades many men of mediocre capacity who have but a short time to serve. No man should regard it as his vested right to rise to the highest rank in the army any more than in any other profession.

The scope of retiring boards should be extended so that they could consider general unfitness to command for any cause in order to secure a far more rigid enforcement than at present in the elimination of officers for mental, physical or temperamental disabilities. But this plan is recommended only if the congress does not see fit to provide what in my judgment is far better—that is, for selection in promotion and for elimination for age.

Now that the organized militia, the national guard, has been incorporated with the army as a part of the national forces it behooves the government to do every reasonable thing in its power to perfect its efficiency.

A bill is now pending before the congress creating a number of extra officers in the army, which, if passed, as it ought to be, will enable more officers to be trained as instructors of national guard and assigned to that duty.

There should be legislation to provide a complete plan for organizing the great body of volunteers behind the regular army and national guard when war has come. While teams representing the United States won the rifle and revolver championships of the world against all comers in England this year, it is unfortunately true that the great body of our citizens shoot less and less as time goes on.

To meet this we should encourage rifle practice among schoolboys and indeed among all classes, as well as in the military services, by every means in our power.

The Navy.

I approve the recommendations of the general board for the increase of the navy, calling especial attention to the need of additional destroyers and colliers and, above all, of the four battleships. It is desirable to complete as soon as possible a squadron of eight battleships of the best existing type. The North Dakota, Delaware, Florida and Utah will form the first division of this squadron.

I most earnestly recommend that the general board be by law turned into a general staff. There is literally no excuse whatever for continuing the present bureau organization of the navy. The navy should be treated as a purely military organization, and everything should be subordinated to the one object of securing military efficiency. A system of promotion by merit, either by selection or by exclusion or by both processes, should be introduced.

Nothing better for the navy from every standpoint has ever occurred than the cruise of the battle fleet around the world. The improvement of the ships in every way has been extraordinary, and they have gained far more experience in battle tactics than they would have gained if they had stayed in the Atlantic waters. I do not believe that there is any other service in the world in which the average of character and efficiency in the enlisted men is as high as is now the case in our own. I believe that the same statement can be made as to our officers, taken as a whole, but there must be a reservation made in regard to those in the highest ranks and in regard to those who have just entered the service, because we do not now get full benefit from our excellent naval school at Annapolis.

The Morning Star.

Wednesday, December 9, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 9, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Tuesday, Dec. 8th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 42 degrees; 8 P. M. 42 degrees; maximum 46 degrees; minimum 41 degrees; mean 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month, .78 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 A. M. 4.5 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and warmer Wednesday; Thursday fair, light variable winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 9.

Sun Rises.....6:58 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:46 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 50 min.
High water at Southport 9.07 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 11:02 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. A. L.—Schedule.
F. T. Mills—Banker Ponies.
E. Warren & Son—Fruit Cake.
Academy of Music—May Robson.
Peterson & Rulfs—Walk-Over Shoes
Crystal Palace—Direct From New York.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Bookkeeper.
Dog—Strayed or Stolen.
Rooms—Nicely Furnished.
J. G. Wright & Son—The Finest.
St. Agnes' Guild—Christmas Sale.
N. H. Blitch Co.—Cabbage Plants.
Mrs. J. F. Maunder—Furnished Rooms.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Dr. John A. Farrell, of Kenansville, spent yesterday in Wilmington and returned home last night.

—Mr. J. D. Jessup, of Cedar Creek, Cumberland county, was a Wilmington business visitor yesterday.

—Mr. C. T. Joyner, of Norfolk, who was formerly bookkeeper for the Cape Fear Lumber Co., is in the city for a few days.

—Mrs. Kate T. Cumming and the Misses Burruss have returned from a visit to Norfolk.

—Mrs. J. W. Finch, of Lexington, N. C., is the guest of her nieces, Mrs. Henry Fennell and Mrs. Geo. E. Leftwich.

—The friends of Mr. Walter Gaylor will regret to know of his critical illness at his home, No. 307 North Fifth street. He was not improved yesterday and friends are anxious about him.

—Messrs. A. O. Newberry, of Newport, N. C.; Jackson Greer, Esq., of Whiteville; A. L. McDonald, of Raleigh; H. L. Faulkner, of Newbern, and T. A. Lyon, Esq., of Bladen, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

LOCAL DOTS.

—First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets: Services this evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are invited.

—The British steamer Valhalla, Captain Merryfield, arrived yesterday from Huelva, Spain, with cargo of fertilizer constituents for the Swift Fertilizer Co.; vessel to Heide & Co.

—A deed was filed yesterday conveying from E. J. W. Anders and others, to Hager Ann Agnes Cole, for $10 and other considerations, lot at corner of Marstellar and 16th streets, 66x155 feet in size.

—James Anderson, colored, was arrested yesterday by Officer Leon George, on suspicion of having stolen a bag of tools which he endeavored to pawn at a shop on Market street. He was placed in jail awaiting an investigation.

—The Star was in error yesterday in stating that the Delgado Band furnished the music for the B. R. C. minstrels. Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra played for the performance and the Delgado Band for the parade and outdoor concert.

—The initials of Deputy Sheriff Piver were erroneously given in notice of his re-appointment by Sheriff Cowan yesterday. The appointee is A. T. and not E. S. Piver. The terms of all deputies except those re-appointed have expired.

—The annual Christmas sale of St. Agnes Guild will be held tomorrow in the vacant store, No. 117 Market street, beginning in the morning at 10 o'clock and lasting throughout the day. The public is invited to attend. The sale is always a feature of the holidays and the ladies are most cordially invited.

—In Justice Furlong's court yesterday four residents of Hutaff's alley, Sallie Wood, Charley and Martha Feares and Grace Cochran, all colored, for creating a disturbance in the locality on last Saturday night, were made to pay costs in cases charging disorderly conduct.

—A party of hunters composed of Messrs. H. A. Kure, Geo. Schnibben and Chief Chas. Schnibben, of the Wilmington Fire Department, had a successful days' hunt yesterday in Brunswick county, killing a fine deer. They will remain in Brunswick until today, the news of their luck being 'phoned up from the Fisheries at old Brunswick last night.

—Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer says: "Captain E. T. Winston, the United States Army officer in charge of the recruiting office here went to Wilmington yesterday to receive three recruits who have enlisted there. Captain Winston is in charge of offices at Raleigh, Wilmington, Durham and Winston, and for the year past has secured an average of thirty recruits a month."

Don't forget the Horse Sale at Mills' stables Friday at 11 o'clock. **

The Theatre

Wilmington theatre-goers should indeed consider themselves fortunate in being given the chance to see Miss May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," and the management of the Academy expresses itself as earnestly desirous that the visit of this Broadway star be appreciated to the extent of a large audience, so as to assure future engagements from her and other New York favorites. It is very seldom that a Broadway star, especially with a Broadway success, comes South, and even now Miss Robson's management has cancelled nearly all the time held for this star in North Carolina, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and other cities being cancelled. The attraction comes to the Academy Friday night and seats will be on sale to-morrow morning at Plummer's. Of the star and her big New York success the Richmond News-Leader has just said:

"May Robson and a big company of clever young artists presented "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," matinee and night, at the Academy Saturday and from the rising of the curtain to the going down thereof there were lively sounds of merriment. Miss Robson, by the power of her art, gives refinement to what in a less consummate actress would rate as low comedy and which in her interpretation is not only acceptable but most delightful. No more charming or wholesome play has appeared this season."

Crystal Palace.

Monday's business at the Crystal Palace was the biggest in the history of this vaudeville theatre, but the business yesterday was also large and each of the large audiences was most appreciative of the swell bill being offered this week. It is truly the "real thing" in vaudeville and it is a whirl of wonderment and merriment from start to finish. Every act is good, but especially attractive is the comedy acrobatic sketch of Renzetta and Lyman. The work of this team is uproariously funny. It goes with a bang and calls forth shouts from the audience. The acrobatic feats are wonderful. DeChaunt's dogs also present a novel and decidedly pleasing act, while the slack-wire performance of LeClair is still causing wonderment. He performs some remarkable tricks on the wire. The soubrette, Miss Estelle Hamilton, is one of the nobbiest seen at the Palace in a long time.

Double Bill at the Bijou.

A double bill in high-class motion pictures will be offered at the Bijou today, "Troubles of a Coat," and an "Unyielding Parent." The first named starts with an innocent accident in which a pedestrian knocks over a ladder upon which a painter is at work, spilling paint all over his coat. The pedestrian insists on exchanging coats with the painter and the latter exchanges with a sleeping man, who upon awakening exchanges with still another and so on through various ramifications until finally all the exchangers wind up at a magistrate's office where the difficulty is straightened out. The second film has to do with and ardent lover and the grouchy father of a beautiful girl. A chase, a sensational flight through the window of the old man, heaved by the boy, the consternation of two policemen and the final reconciliation make up an interesting little view of an interesting love affair.

MURDER OR SUICIDE?

A Prominent Citizen of St. Louis Killed in His Home.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Francis D. Hirschberg, prominent in the Roman Catholic church, and a personal friend of Archbishop Glennon, also well known in club and business circles and as a director of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, was shot and killed at his home early today. Whether it was murder or suicide has not been determined.

A trail of blood stains on the stairway indicates that Mr. Hirschberg was shot at the foot of the stairs and then turned and walked back to his bedroom on the second floor. From there he crossed a hallway and passed through his wife's room to the bathroom. He returned and staggered into his wife's room. Mrs. Hirschberg says she woke just in time to see him sink to the floor, unconscious. He died soon afterward without making a statement as to how he was shot. As far as the police can learn no member of the household was on the lower floor of the house at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Hirchberg is deaf and therefore she did not hear the report of the revolver.

TWO HELD IN SMITH CASE

White Men Are Charged With Murder of Richmond Drummer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 8.—As the result of the preliminary hearing in the case of the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, a Richmond, Va., traveling salesman, whose dead body was found in a rock quarry pool on the outskirts of Raleigh, on Sunday morning, November 15th the police court today held Earle Cotton and Tim Holderfield, young white men, without bail for murder. The evidence showed that Dr. Smith had been drugged with a chloroform mixture in Cotton's cafe, robbed of money, a watch and a diamond ring, and then, according to witnesses was taken by Holderfied in a hack to the rock quarry where his body was dumped out on Saturday night, November 14th.

The case will be tried in January.

DIED.

BROWN—At the James Walker Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 8th 1908, MISS SARAH BROWN, in her 87th year. Funeral this Wednesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Grace M. E. Church. Interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS

The President's Message Read—New Committee Appointments in the House—Notice of Deaths of Members—No Business.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—The business of both Houses of Congress was confined today largely to listening to the reading of the President's annual message, but in addition a few bills were introduced in the Senate and the House, and in the House a number of bills were sent to conference, among them being one providing for a new immigration station in Boston.

In addition the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Higgins, of Connecticut, to a place on the Committee on the Judiciary in place of Mr. Littlefield, and of Mr. Martin to a place on the Committee on Indian Affairs in place of Mr. Parker, deceased.

For the first time during the present Congress there was a call of the committees of the House, but no measure was reported by any of them.

The miscellaneous work of the Senate consisted, in the main, of the reference in executive session of about 1,500 recess nominations, which were today sent to the Senate by the President and the adoption of resolutions of regret on account of the death of members of the House who have passed away since the adjournment last May. The Senate adjourned for the day at 2 o'clock and the House at 2:35.

The galleries of both Houses were well filled and almost all the seats of Senators and members were occupied by their owners. All of them were supplied with printed copies of the message, which proved to be a document of forty-four printed pages, with an elaborate appendix containing numerous illustrations showing the results of the work of the forestry bureau. Senators and members gave comparatively little attention to the reading of the message at the desk, but most of them immediately busied themselves with the printed copies before them.

WARRANT FOR KIERAN.

President of Defunct Company Charged With Grand Larceny.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—It was learned yesterday that since the Fidelity Funding Company went into the hands of a receiver with many creditors among Catholic institutions of various States, to which it owes $3,500,000 to $4,500,000, P. J. Kieran, the president, has been trying to induce William Nelson Cromwell, of this city, to straighten out the affairs of the company. It was stated that Mr. Kieran had asked many of the creditors to give Mr. Cromwell power of attorney to act for them in rehabilitating the concern.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—Pittsburg police have had a warrant for the arrest of P. J. Kieran of the Fidelity Funding Company, of New York, for the past three weeks. The affidavits charge him with larceny and false pretense. A local charitable institution of the Roman Catholic church, the name of which the attorneys in the case decline to make public, is the alleged sufferer through the peculations charged and its probable loss is between $8,000 and $10,000. Authorities tonight said they had information which leads them to expect Kieran's arrest in New York city before morning.

RIVERS AND HARBORS

National Congress Meets in Washington—Delegates Arriving.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—Delegates to the fifth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which convenes here tomorrow are flocking to this city by the hundreds.

Many notable men will participate in the proceedings. Representatives Joseph E. Ransdell, of oLuisiana, president of the Congress, will call the gathering to order. Cardinal Gibbons will deliver the invocation, and Vice President Fairbanks will welcome the delegates on behalf of the government.

Captains of industry, among them Andrew Carnegie, and Foreign diplomats will be heard. Ambassador Jas. Bryce, of Great Britain, will speak of England's water highways, and Ambassador Nabuco, of Brazil, of those of his country.

An interesting adjunct will be the first annual convention of the Woman's National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Mrs. Hoyle Tomkins, of Shereveport, La., will preside.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the President will receive the delegates to the congress at the White House.

FAVORABLE FOR DEMOCRACY.

Gov. Johnson Thinks That the Party Will Eventually Win.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—"I do not think the leaders of the Democratic party are cast down by defeat, and if they are right, as I think they are, they will win eventually."

Thus Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, expresses in an interview his abiding faith in Democracy.

"I think the Democratic party is in a better position than it was before the campaign opened. I am, of course, unable to say what caused the result to be what it was. Mr. Bryan was much misunderstood and was purposely misrepresented. There was lack of organization in the Democratic party and a unity of organization in the Republican. Then it is always much easier for the party in power to win."

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ALL-AGE STAKE YESTERDAY

Feld Trials of Virginia-Carolina Association Run at Spray.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 8.—The all-age stake of the Virginia-Carolina Feld Trials Association was run at Spray, N. C., today. The birds were as scarce as they were at Barber last week and only ten covies were found during the day. The best going dog in the stake was Count Gladstone's Count, but he was unfortunate about his birds and failed to place altogether.

The judges announced their decisions tonight as follows: First, Nellie Noble, W. G. Hundley, Callands, Virginia; Second, Tom Edwards, C. S. Beller, Roanoke, Va.; third, Red Ria, Dr. Leigh Buckner, Roanoke, Va.; fourth, Gorham S. Spot, Hiran Dawson, Spray, N. C.

Four purses were offered for this event, forty per cent. going to the winner. There are 17 entries for the derby, which will be run tomorrow. Besides the purse the Virginia derby cup will be contested for .

SITUATION IS THREATENING.

Venezuelan Government Has Resolved to Fire on Dutch Ships.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 4., via Willemstad, Curacoa, Dec. 8.—Two recent events, the departure of President Castro for Europe and the naval demonstration this week along the Venezuelan coast by three Dutch warships have conspired to bring about in Venezuela a condition of affairs that may have serious consequences. The Government has resolved to fire on the first Dutch warship that commits an unfriendly act, and the beginning of what may develop into a strong movement against President Castro have been noticed.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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WARM WIRELETS.

The 3rd company, coast artillery corps will be relieved from duty at Fort Moultrie, S. C., and will proceed about December 15th, 1908 for Fort Hamilton, N. Y., for station.

Miss Ruth Lamson was married tonight in the Holy Angels Church in Chicago, to Count Giovanni Cardelli, of Italy, a grand nephew of Pope Leo XIII. The bridegroom is a representative of a Cleveland, O., iron and steel firm.

James H. Butner, a native of Macon, Ga., for several years past attached to the Savannah News, has been appointed editor of the night Southern report of the Associated Press at Washington and has assumed the duties of that office.

The Turkish Government is negotiating for the purchase of $1,875,000 worth of shrapnel and infantry ammunition with a German company at Duesseldorf. The small-arm factories of Berlin are unusually busy with the manufacture of army rifles.

The Paris Temps publishes a dispatch from its Sofia correspondent that Bulgaria has notified the powers of her willingness to indemnify Turkey in the sum of $16,500,000 for the damage sustained by the Bulgarian declaration of independence.

As the result of a Federal suit against the company brought by Geo. P. Hudson, of Norfolk, Judge Ward, in the United States Circuit Court at Norfolk yesterday appointed Joseph H. Choate, Jr., receiver for the New York and Albany Transportation Co.

S. F. Foxwell, ordnance man employed at the Norfolk Navy yard, received injuries yesterday that will probably result fatal by the springing of the heavy guns of the battleship Iowa. Foxwell was caught between the trunions of two guns. His chest was crushed.

Miss Mary Goodwin Pinkney died last night in New York, of pneumonia at the age of 99 years. Miss Pinkney was credited with being one of the very wealthy women of the world, the value of her holdings in Manhattan real estate, alone being estimated at $10,000,000.

Apparently the night against the encroachment of the Arkansas river toward the eastern residential quarter of Pine Bluff, Ark., has been won and with the more rapid receding of the water, as indicated last night it is believed that the most serious phase of the present flood is passed.

Formal awarding of the championship of 1908 to the Chicago club, reelection of its present officers and directors and the reading of the annual report of its president, Harry C. Pulliam, were the matters that occupied the attention of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs yesterday in New York.

Standing on opposite sides of Tug river, near Lexington, Ky., one in West Virginia and the other in Kentucky, "Doc" Mounts and Samuel Carter yesterday fought a duel with rifles. Carter was shot through the body and was fatally hurt. Mounts then came to the Kentucky and escaped. Trouble arose over Carter's wife.

Maggie Garcia, 18 years old, and Francisco Martinez, who was suspected of having murdered four members of the Garcia family last week, were found dead yesterday, 20 miles west of the Garcia ranch in the extreme eastern part of Las Animas county, Colo. Both had been shot. Apparently Martinez murdered the girl and then committed suicide.

Presumably for selecting witnesses to be subpoenaed in the tariff hearing an executive session of the Ways and Means Committee was held yesterday. Nothing was given out, but it is understood that J. W. VanCleave, Chas. Francis Adams and representatives of the meat packers, wool, leather and steel industries are wanted. A short session was held yesterday and another set for Thursday. Work on framing the bill will begin soon.

THE GINNERS' REPORT.

To December 1st Show 11,010,864 Bales of Cotton Ginned.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—A total of 11,010,864 bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 1st, and 26,922 active ginneries, against 8,343,396 bales ginned to December 1st, last year and 26,854 ginneries a year ago, were announced in the census bureau report on cotton ginning today.

The 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 75.5 was ginned to December 1st; the 1906 crop 12,983,201, with 77.2 to December 1st and 1905 crop 10,495,105, with 82.8 to December 1st. In 1906 there were 10,027,868 bales and 1905, 8,689,663 bales ginned to December 1st.

The report counts round bales as half bales and excludes linters. It includes 200,818 round bales for 1908, 154,636 for 1907, and 227,145 for 1906. Sea Island bales included 68,497 for 1908, 55,299 for 1907 and 41,250 for 1906.

MR. MOSES CONE DEAD

Wealthy Resident of Greensboro Passes Away in Baltimore.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—Moses H. Cone, a wealthy resident of Greensboro, N. C., died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital today of oedema of the lungs after an illness of about six weeks. He was a brother of Dr. Sidney M. Cone, of this city, and was born in Tennessee 51 years ago. Later he lived in this city, but removed to Greensboro about 20 years ago. Much of his time was spent in New York, where he was president of the Cone Export and Commission Company.

END OF DAVIS TRIAL

Arguments in Rustin Murder Case Will Be Concluded Today.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 8.—The end of the trial of Charles E. Davis charged with the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin will probably come tomorrow. Deputy States Attorney Ellick and Associate Counsel Woodrough concluded their arguments this afternoon and Attorney Gurley, chief counsel for the defense and states attorney English will make the final arguments tomorrow. A verdict is expected Wednesday night or Thursday.

—Industrial News: A story is going the rounds on the streets that David Stern, attorney for the Guilford county board of education who was recently directed by the board to make a thorough investigation into the affairs of the school fund emanating from fines and forfeitures in sci fa cases, has filed a sensational report. Yesterday a representative of the Daily News called on the county superintendent, who is secretary to the board of education, and asked to see the report. He was told that the report had not been recorded on the minutes, and that it would not be fair to make the report public until the board had passed upon it. The secretary, however, promised to make the report public as soon as the board had taken action, and the report transcribed on the minutes, which will likely be some time next week he said.

HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

In every paper you pick up you will see where some good man has just died with this fearful disease pneumonia. Now we will give you one hundred dollars for any case of pneumonia that it fails to cure in your family, if you will use goose grease liniment as directed. It only costs you 25 cents a bottle, get it you have nothing to lose and all to gain, we know there are thousands who will read this and throw it aside and in a few days will be down with the disease. Please just get one bottle and put it away until you need it. If you haven't the money to buy it let us know and we will send you bottle free.

GOOSE GREASE CO.
no 24 tu-thu-sat-tf.

—Greensboro Reflector: Cage Atkinson, a colored man was here a few days ago selling tobacco and received something over $60 for his sale. Another colored man saw Cage when he drew this money and his mouth "took a watering" for it. He watched his opportunity and when Cage started to leave town asked the privilege of riding with him, which was granted. When they had go a mile or two from town the man asked Cage to change a $5 bill for him. Cage pulled out his purse to make the change when the man grabbed the purse, jumped out of the vehicle and disappeared through the woods. The thief has not yet been captured but officers are on the lookout for him.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

BOOKKEEPER — Wanted experienced bookkeeper. State age. Address "Bookkeeper," care of Star. dec 9 2t

CABBAGE PLANTS—Garden plants grown in the open air will stand the coldest Winter. Price one to four thousand $1.50, four to nine thousand $1.25, over nine thousand $1 per thousand F. O. B. Meggetts, S. C. We have special express rates. Write us for agent's outfit and proposition. N. H. Blitch Co., Meggetts, S. C. The largest truck farm in the world. dec 9 eod jan 1.

THE FINEST RESIDENTIAL lot in the City of Wilmington is now offered for sale at a very reasonable figure. The southeast corner of Fifth and Dock streets. High ground, good neighbors; just the right distance from down town and in every way desirable. An opportunity cannot be neglected. If you want a location for a home this is the place. J. G. Wright & Son, real estate agents, 124 Princess street. dec 9 4t

ST. AGNES GUILD will hold its annual Christmas sale of lingerie, dolls, fancy articles, candy, etc., Thursday, 10th, A. M., in vacant store No. 117 Market street. Public cordially invited. dec 9 1t.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

STRAYED OR STOLEN—A small water spaniel setter dog yesterday morning. Color brown and white and answers to name of "Jeff." Reward if returned and information will be received at Star office or No. 5 Church street. dec 9 91t

NICELY FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms with or without board. Privilege of bath and 'phone. Carolina House, 414 1-2 North Front street. de 9-6t.

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent to gentlemen. Large airy rooms, all modern conveniences. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Maunder, 215 North Fifth street. de 9-3t*

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage with acre of ground, on Castle Hayne road, one-fourth of mile from city. P. Q. Moore. de 5-1w.

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. dec 4 tf

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

SCARLET POINSETTIAS (Xmas plants) in full bloom at Oakmont Greenhouses. Fine Xmas decorations or cut flowers. Miss Lucy B. Moore, florist, 15th and Market streets. Phone 354. de 8-3t

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

OYSTERS—At 121 1-2 South Front street, you can get oysters roasted, stewed, fried or New River on the half shell, which we deliver in the neighborhood. J. W. Scott. de 6-6t*

THE MINISTERING CIRCLE of the King's Daughters will hold their annual sale of fancy articles, candy, etc., on Thursday at 3:30 P. M., at 110 Nun street. Public cordially invited to attend. dec 6 3t

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

FOR RENT—Store No. 11 Market street, runs back to alley. Suitable for grocery and commission business. Apply to James Owen Reilly. nov 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

Oysters Clams Oysters

Received daily from Newbern and Norfolk, Va. Everyone selected. You can't beat them.

Smoked Beef Tongue, Seasonable Fruits of all kinds. Best line of fresh meats in the city.

Palace Market

Phone No. 72.

dec 8 tf

HOPKINS & DAVIS

Offer you the best and only the best. Cut and fixed ready for your table by Expert Cutters. Both Native and Western Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Country Pork, Genuine all pork Sausage, Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams, both raw and boiled, Breakfast Bacon, Bologna, German Metwurst. If you can't come 'phone us your orders.

FRONT STREET MARKET.
Four Stalls. 'Phones 141 and 128.
nov 28 tf.

NO SAILING

Only in a canoe by myself. $1.00 to $1.25 Shirts at 69 cents.

TAYLOR THE TAILOR

Next to Elks' Temple, North Front street.

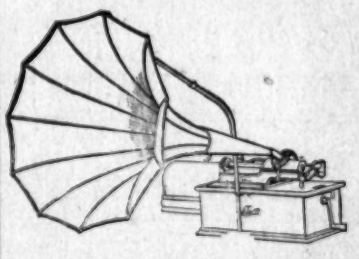
dec 5 tf

The best Christmas present is something for the home.

The best thing for the home is an Edison Phonograph. Nothing makes home so inviting and so popular as this great and versatile entertainer.

You have a choice of seven models.

$12.50 to $60.00



J. W. Robinson & Co.

205 Princess Street.

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DAVID'S

MERRY XMAS

Suggestions for "Him"

SUIT, OVERCOAT, RAIN COAT, BATH ROBE, SUSPENDERS, UMBRELLA, SHIRTS, GLOVES, NIGHT ROBES, UNDERWEAR, HANDKERCHIEFS, HOUSE COAT. HOSIERY, MUFFLER, TIES, ETC.

What to give him for Christmas is a problem we solve many times a day.

Our store being headquarters for Men's things, the question is very easily answered. For men, both Old and Young, Great and Small, we've ideal gifts—just the sort of gifts that will be appreciated the most, after Christmas is over.

From our stock of Men's excellent Garments, correct Headwear and choice Haberdashery the most appropriate Christmas gifts, it is possible to make, can be chosen.

Make your selections early, while the picking is the best. Better now than later.

You'll find our prices no barrier to choosing exactly what you'd like to give "Him."

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHING.
JOHN B. STETSON HATS.

THE A. DAVID CO.

TAILORS, CLOTHIERS, HATTERS AND HABERDASHERS.

Remember, that we are now in our New Home, 212 North Front Street.

dec 6tf

Toys Are On Display in Our Basement.

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

"The Store That's Always Busy"

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS EARLY.

We Give You Southern Red Trading Stamps.

Special Design for

Do not delay buying your winter wrap and furs any longer. Our stock will rapidly diminish, and instead of having a chance to "pick out" what you wish you will have to "pick over" what others leave. The wraps and furs we are now showing are the very latest decree of fashion. We have made large purchases. This means low prices for us. We give our customers the advantage of our good fortune in buying. We sell none but good goods.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FUR SETS.

In all kinds of reliable furs. Children's sets $1.00 to $7.00. Ladies' Fur sets $5.00 to $90.00. You will find a fur neck piece or set a useful Christmas present.

Feather and Ostrich Boas in all evening shades. Prices you will find are moderate.

Gold and Silver Handle Umbrellas, in Gents' and Ladies' handles. These are put up in attractive boxes for Christmas presents.

OUR TOY DEPARTMENT.

Is now open and ready for business. You will find in our Basement an up-to-date stock of the kind of toys for children. We invite everyone, buyer or not, you are welcome.

DOWN COMFORTERS.

Satin and Silk Covered ones, beautiful designs and useful Christmas presents.

The Carpet Department is offering very attractive prices for Christmas shoppers. Full assortment of Art Squares Rugs and Lace Curtains.

Christmas shoppers will do well to visit our store when down town. You will find on display many useful articles for gifts. We give red Southern Trading Stamps with every cash purchase. No other dry goods store is using these stamps. Premiums displayed on second floor.

Special for This Week

Hot Chocolate and Manhattan

Ice Cream

'Phone 534 for anything you want.

SCHUTT'S PHARMACY

Prescriptions a Specialty.

Phone 534. Second and Princess.

dec 8 tf

Fire Works! Fire Works!

All Kinds and at Bottom Prices. Wholesale and Retail.

Send Me Your Orders at Once.

J. W. PLUMMER, JR.

dec 8 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

At Mark's Mill, 28 miles from Fayetteville, in a drunken quarrel Friday night Robert Rone shot and killed James McLean, making good his escape. Both are colored.

—Goldsboro Argus: In the recent issues of the Louisville, Ky., papers, there were published numerous accounts of the evangelistic work done by Rev. J. T. Edmundson, of Raleigh, well known in Goldsboro. He is doing a great work, and has received a call to Atlanta.

—Salisbury Post: Mayor A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, has called a mass meeting of citizens for the organization of a Civic Improvement Association, the object of which is to beautify the city by removing unsightly spectacles, planting shade trees and beautifying the streets in many other ways. An appeal has been made to every citizen to attend the meeting Thursday of this week.

A. W. Robertson, brakeman on a Coast Line train, was killed instantly at Neuse river bridge, near Smithfield, Monday morning. Robertson was leaning out of the engine watching a hot box and as the train passed over the bridge a beam struck him back of the head, killing him instantly. The remains were sent to Rocky Mount where his people live, the coroner deeming an inquest unnecessary.

A special from Spring Hope to yesterday's News and Observer says that Sheriff T. S. Burch, of Florence, S. C., Monday at Nashville, N. C., arrested C. A. Smith, a veterinary surgeon, charged with the larceny of a horse in that he took the animal for treatment, later reported it dead and afterwards sold it. He was arrested some time ago at Dunn but was released on habeas corpus. Smith had lately been working insurance.

—Industrial News: At a meeting of the directors of the Industrial Publishing Company, held yesterday in a room of the Benbow hotel, it was unanimously decided that the publication of the Daily News shall be continued. State Chairman Spencer B. Adams, National Committeeman E. C. Duncan and ex-Chairman Thomas S. Rollins were appointed as a committee to devise ways and means to continue publication of the paper.

—Salisbury Post: John Page, the 10-year-old son of Mr. Frank A. Page, is still missing and the anxious father is redoubling his efforts to find some trace of him. The little fellow's school books in his satchel were found this morning in the rear of the building formerly occupied by the Antiseptic Steam Laudry. Mr. Page still inclines to the theory that his son was kidnapped. The little boy disappeared while on his way to school two weeks ago.

—Winston Sentinel: Rev. J. P. Rodgers, field agent of the Methodist Orphanage Home to be established here, will leave next week on his first trip in behalf of the new institution. He goes to Greensboro first for a conference with Rev. W. M. Curtis, who has had considerable experience in this line of work. From the City of Flowers he will go to the North Carolina Conference at Durham for a conference with Superintendent Cole, of the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh.

—Charlotte Chronicle: For the first time within our recollection, Charlotte has lost the lead in the good record in the monthly mortuary report printed in The Bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health. The report for October gives Charlotte a temporary annual death rate per 1,000, of 23.6. The figures for Salisbury during that month were 20.7; Asheville 10.9; Durham 15.3; Greensboro 14.1; Raleigh 15.2; Wilmington 13.6. There was not a death in Lexington, and the per cent. in Lenoir was 3.

—Kinston, N. C., Dec. 7.—News was received in Kinston Sunday morning of the death of Captain Swift Galloway, at his home in Snow Hill Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock. The funeral took place from the home today at 2:30, conducted by Rev. J. H. Griffith, of Kinston, and the interment was made in the cemetery at Snow Hill. Captain Galloway leaves two children, Mrs. A. P. Harrell, of Newbern, and Mr. Ed. Galloway, of Snow Hill, and a brother, Dr. W. C. Galloway, of Edgecombe county.

—Newbern Sun: Bruno Arthur, of Morehead City, is incarcerated in Carteret county jail, under $1,000 bail, on charge of arson. Arthur is accused of setting fire to a building in Morehead City on Friday morning last, and afterwards assaulting the night watchman. It really seems that Beaufort's inertia has been overcome and that the days when citizens fall over cows in the darkness wade through frog ponds in the principal streets are nearing an end. Rubber boots as part of a housewife's costume will soon be out of style.

—Durham Sun: Three Pinkerton detectives arrived here this morning over the Southern and went quietly to work upon the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt ,of Spencer. They have nothing yet so far as anybody knows upon which to begin. There isn't a relative or friend of the dead man who believes he had an enemy in the world. The general belief is that the follow that killed him is a man looking for a real enemy and, seeing Mr. Holt, mistook him for that one and shot him. The fireman, J. J. Taylor, alone say the murderer but he could not tell who he was. He could not even identify him as white or black, but the police are certain that he was a white man. He evidently used a single-barreled breech-loading gun because he dropped his discharged shall and re-loaded while standing there. The tracks at this place bore a strong similtude to the foot-prints made at Greenberg residence fired into an hour later. There is every evidence that the track is that of a white man wearing a shoe of No. 8 1-2 size.

Better Not Get Dyspepsia

If you can help it. Kodol prevents Dyspepsia, by effectually helping Nature to Relieve Indigestion. But don't trifle with Indigestion.

A great many people who have trifled with indigestion, have been sorry for it—when nervous or chronic dyspepsia resulted, and they have not been able to cure it.

Use Kodol and prevent having Dyspepsia.

Everyone is subject to indigestion. Stomach derangement follows stomach abuse, just as naturally and just as surely as a sound and healthy stomach results upon the taking of Kodol.

When you experience sourness of stomach, belching of gas and nauseating fluid, bloated sensation, gnawing pain in the pit of the stomach, heart burn (so-called), diarrhoea, headaches, dullness or chronic tired feeling—you need Kodol. And then the quicker you take Kodol—the better. Eat what you want, let Kodol digest it.

Ordinary pepsin "dyspepsia tablets," physics, etc., are not likely to be of much benefit to you, in digestive ailments. Pepsin is only a partial digester—and physics are not digesters at all.

Kodol is a perfect digester. If you could see Kodol digesting every particle of food, of all kinds, in the glass test-tubes in our laboratories, you would know this just as well as we do.

Nature and Kodol will always cure a sick stomach—but in order to be cured, the stomach must rest. That is what Kodol does—rests the stomach, while the stomach gets well. Just as simple as A, B, C.

Our Guarantee

Go to your druggist today and get a dollar bottle. Then after you have used the entire contents of the bottle if you can honestly say, that it has not done you any good, return the bottle to the druggist and he will refund your money without question or delay. We will then pay the druggist for the bottle. Don't hesitate, all druggists know that our guarantee is good. This offer applies to the large bottle only and to but one in a family. The large bottle contains 2½ times as much as the fifty cent bottle.

Kodol is prepared at the laboratories of E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

Coal! Coal!!

Just arrived, 1,402 tons of the celebrated Pennsylvania Hard Coal by Schooner "Symington." This cargo, with another of over 1,000 tons to sail next, will with 5,000 tons already in stock, put us in position to keep all our friends in and about Wilmington well supplied with this superior kind of coal during the next few months.

We keep in a large supply of the celebrated domestic lump coal from mines of West Virginia and Tennessee.

As for wood, we have no end of the best oak, ash, pine, etc., cut to order for stoves, grates, etc.

THE SPRINGER COAL COMPANY

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THE POPULAR STORE
BOYLAN & HANCOCK
No. 7 NORTH FRONT ST.
PHONE NUMBER 1445

OUR $3.50 and $4.00 SHOES have no Equal All Leathers

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WHY SPEND YOUR MONEY FOR TRASH

when you can buy so many useful, and serviceable Christmas presents from

C. H. FORE & Company

A new lot of furs just in by express.

dec 6tf

ALL NEED

A stimulant at sometime or another, therefore remember that January is not far off—and supply yourself while our stock of WINES AND LIQUORS is still complete and now selling at reduced prices.

Atlantic Cafe
GIESCHEN BROS. Props.
Opposite Union Depot

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Now Is the Time to Advertise in The Star.

Report of the Condition of The Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES:		
Loans and discounts	$ 635,288.44	
Overdrafts secured	25	
Furniture and fixtures	100.00	
All other real estate owned	1,000.00	
Demand Loans	26,180.00	
Due from Banks and Bankers	66,129.79	
Cash Items	5.00	
Gold Coin	230.00	
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	243.90	
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	2,092.00	
Total		$ 731,269.13
LIABILITIES:		
Capital stock	$ 50,000.00	
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	39,458.79	
Dividends unpaid	20.00	
Deposits subject to check	593,204.84	
Demand Certificates of Deposit	44,075.50	
Cashier's Checks outstanding	10.00	
Accrued interest due depositors	4,500.00	
Total		$ 731,269.13

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
B. O. STONE,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of December, 1908.
W. B. DRAKE, JR. Notary Public.
My Commission expires August 17, 1910.

STATEMENT CONDITION
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts	$2,574,534 92	
N. C. State and other Bonds	188,004 25	
U. S. Bonds (at par	550,000 00	
Bank Buildings	55,000 00	
Cash	1,228,698 18	
		$4,596,237 35
LIABILITIES.		
Capital	$ 550,000 00	
Surplus and Net Profits	298,134 69	
Circulation	550,000 00	
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00	
Deposits	3,098,102 66	
		$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

Fresh ARRIVALS

Huyler's and Allegretti's Candies. Try our 25 cent and 35 cent Home Made Candies.

E. WARREN & SON
Phone 376.

dec 5 tf

New Goods

A New and Complete Line of Groceries, partly:

500 bags Rice, all grades.
200 bbls large Mullets.
200 bbls Corn Mullets.
200 bags Green Coffee.
25 bbls Mott's Cider.
50 bbls. Vinegar.

Samuel Bear, Sr., & Sons
18 MARKET STREET.

nov 19 tf

BURRETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building.

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CHANGE OF PROGRAMME DAILY
BIJOU
NEVER OUT! NEVER OVER!
5 Cents.

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REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.

Read the Business Locals

SMOKE
Cuban Blossom
CIGARS!
WHY ?
Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.
H. L. VOLLERS
Wholesale Grocer.

Report of the Condition of The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:		
Loans and Discounts	$ 957,110.34	
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	3,740.29	
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	200,000.00	
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	66,690.00	
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	4,550.35	
Bonds, securities, etc	49,885.00	
Banking House, furniture and fixtures	5,000.00	
Other real estate owned	None	
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$257,757.34	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$26,000.00	
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total		$ 2,014,987.74
LIABILITIES:		
Capital Stock paid in	$ 200,000.00	
Surplus Fund	100,000.00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	33,032.35	
National Bank notes outstanding	200,000.00	
Due to other National Banks	$484,033.15	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total		$ 2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
J. A. TAYLOR,
ISADORE BEAR,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.
CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

WE HAVE
The Prettiest Assortment of
BRASS GOODS
Consisting of
FIRE FENDERS
FIRE SETS
and
ANDIRONS
Ever shown in this city.
Also a nice assortment of
ANDIRONS IN BERLIN BLACK
Prices to suit everybody.
J. W. Murchison & Co
HARDWARE.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.
TO
THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30:, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE
FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON
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TO WILMINGTON
FROM
THE BEACH

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TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO
FROM
WILMINGTON

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TO WILMINGTON
FROM
GOLF LINK AND DELGADO

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 8.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market steady 38 1-4c.

ROSIN—Market steady $2.65.

TAR—Market, firm $1.70.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 44 1-4c; rosin $2.60; tar $1.60; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	14
Rosin	340
Tar	422
Crude Turpentine	43

Receipts—Same day last year, 17 casks spirits turpentine; 91 barrels rosin; 200 barrels tar; 38 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 7-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—3,109 bales, same day last year 4,287 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 5th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 25 per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c net; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton market was weak and unsettled today, closing barely steady at a net decline of 6 to 10 points. Sales were estimated at 200,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of 4 points to an advance of 2 points, but only October was higher, and shortly after the opening, the entire list weakened under Wall street liquidation and commission house selling which was probably promoted by the census report, although the amount ginned to December 1st was just about as expected by local professionals. The market showed decided resistance to bear pressure during the morning, but as liquidation continued with one Wall street house credited with selling at least 25,000 bales. During the middle session prices gradually weakened and toward the close stop-loss-orders were caught, under which last prices were at the lowest point of the day, or about 42 to 60 points under the records of last month.

The census report showing 11,010,864 bales ginned to December 1st received various interpretations in the local trade, but on the average it seemed to encourage expectations of a Government crop estimate of around 13,000,000 bales. Local statisticians figure that if only as much cotton remains to be ginned as in 1905 the crop would be about 12,815,000 bales, exclusive of linters, while should as much remain as in 1906, it would be about 13,965,000 bales. The Government's estimate wil be published at 1 o'clock tomorrow.

Southern spot markets were generally unchanged. Wall street longs are estimated to have sold fully 100,000 bales during the day. Receipts at the ports today were 95,456 bales against 95,013 last week and 77,315 last year. For the week 425,000 bales against 459,291 last week and 368,793 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 18,355 bales against 17,032 last year and at Houston 32,728 bales against 27,623 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points lower, middling uplands 9.25; middling gulf 9.50; sales 900 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	9.09	8.97
January	8.65	8.64
February	——	8.65
March	8.70	8.65
April	——	8.65
May	8.76	8.70
June	——	8.65
July	8.70	8.65
August	8.62	8.56
September	——	8.44
October	8.52	8.45

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Dull, 8 7-8; Net receipts 49,717; stock 293,917.

New Orleans—Dull, 8 3-4; net receipts 18,355; stock 327,228.

Mobile—Net receipts 5,451; stock 72,455.

Savannah—Quiet and Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 12,221; stock 157,242.

Charleston—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 880; stock 29,819.

Wilmington—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 3,109; stock 18,982.

Norfolk—Dull, 9.00; net receipts 5,084; stock 48,950.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9.00; stock 29,415.

New York—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 360; stock 102,420.

Boston—Quiet, 9.25; net receipts 64.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.50; net receipts 32; stock 8,805.

Georgetown—Net receipts 183.

Total today at all ports, Net 95,456; Great Britain 25,281; Continent 2,100; Mexico 700; stock 1,126,368.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 210,939; Great Britain 87,615; France 34,394; Continent 35,590; Mexico 700.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 5,096,069; Great Britain 1,343,619; France 497,549; Continent 1,569,514; Japan 45,051; Mexico 1,503.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Dull, 8 3-4; net receipts 32,729; stock 133,174.

Augusta—Quiet, 8 15-16; net receipts 3,099; stock 101,828.

Memphis—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 4,165; stock 169,082.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9 1-8; net receipts 3,083; stock 34,320.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 1,557; stock 18,367.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-4.

iLttle Rock—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 1,904; stock 45,750.

Total today—Net receipts 46,537; gross receipts 51,426; shipments 43,153; sales 3,026; stock 502,531.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 8.—Spot cotton in fair demand, prices 3 points lower; American middling fair 5.41; good middling 5.05; middling 4.89; low middling 4.69; good ordinary 4.18; ordinary 3.78. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,700 American. Receipts 91,000, including 75,800 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed steady. December 4.67 1-2; December and January 4.67; January and February 4.67 1-2; February and March 4.66 1-2; March and April, April and May 4.65 1-2; May and June, June and July 4.66; Jul and August 4.64 1-2; August and September 4.58 1-2; September and October 4.55; October and November 4.51 1-2; November and December 4.49 1-2; December and January 4.49; January and February 4.48.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—The cotton goods market is quiet and prices are easier on some lines of gray goods offered from second hands. Cotton yarns are fairly steady and are moving moderately. Linings are quiet. Menswear lines for Fall 1909 are being opened daily. Some of the leading lines of fancy overcoatings and three quarters worsteds being shown. The export markets are quiet.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—The diminishing volume of business and the narrowing range of the price fluctuations are evidence of the growing professionalism of the stock market. Another indication of the same state of affairs is the short duration of a price movement in one direction. The professionals move prices with difficulty and are satisfied to take small profits. In a less representative class of stocks, however, of small capitalization and controlling business of more restricted scope, there continued to be striking movement often without any development in explanation beyond the decision of pooled holders on blocks of stock to establish higher quotations. The presentation of the President's annual message to Congress being the principal event of the day, was seized upon for attempted use as a motive force for a price movement. Stocks were bid up on the assumption that the effect of the recommendation of the message would be favorable to values. The substance of the document was accurately known before hand in many brokers' offices.

In view of the extent of the reiteration of views in the message, in many instances covered by citation of the precedent it was not surprising that lack of material for new speculative decision should be found. The recommendation to place telegraph and telephone companies under the jurisdiction of the inter-State commerce commission conduced the weakness in Western Union, although loss by a fire and expressed doubts over recent reports of an intention to advance the dividend rate had an effect on that stock. Its movement was in direct contrast to other so-called Gould stocks, but which were classed for market purposes today with the Harrimans on the assumption of increased Harriman influence in the group by reason of financial aid extended. Harriman stocks were the sustaining feature of the market and Erie was included in the group in the same manner as was the Gould group.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, were $5,370,000. United States 4s coupon advanced 1-2 per cent. on call. Total sales of stocks today were 677,600 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—Money on call easy; 2 to 2 1-2 per cent; ruling rate 2 1-4, closing bid 2 1-4, offered at 2 1-2. Time loans a shade firmer; sixty days 2 3-4 to 3 per cent., and ninety days 3 to 3 1-4 per cent, six months 3 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8440 to 4.8450 for sixty day bills and at 4.8660 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 1-8 to 4.84 1-4. Bar silver 48 3-8. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103 1-4
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121 1-4
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	109
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100
L. & N. Unified 4s	101 7-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	62 3-4
Southern Railway 5s	107
U. S. Steel 5s	102 3-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	83 3-4
Amr. Car & Foundry	46 1-2
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	108 1-4
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	42 1-2
Amr. Locomotive	55 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref	90 3-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	106
Amr. Sugar Refining	132
Amr. Tobacco pfd	95
Atchison	98 1-4
Atchison pfd	101 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	110
Baltimore & Ohio	108 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	91 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio	53 5-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 7-8
Colorado & Southern	57 7-8
Erie	35 1-4
Erie 1st pfd	49 3-4
Erie 2nd pfd	40 3-8
Great Northern pfd	143 5-8
Kansas City Southern	37
Kan. City Southern pfd	68 1-8
L. & N.	123
Norfolk & Western	83 7-8
Northern Pacific	142 5-8
Pennsylvania	129 3-4
People's Gas	100 1-4
Reading	140 5-8
Rock Island Co.	24
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 3-4
Southern Pacific	119 1-8
Southern Pacific pfd	122
Southern Railway	25 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	60 1-8
Standard Oil Co.	673
Union Pacific	182 7-8
U. S. Steel	55 1-4
U. S. Steel pfd	112 3-4
Va.-Car. Chamical	43 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	114
Western Union	67 1-4
Westinghouse Electric Co.	

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—Flour dull and about steady.

Rye Flour—Barely steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Buckwheat—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 1.10 3-4 to 1.12 1-4 elevator; options steady and 1-8c net higher: December closed 1.13; May 1.14 3-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 69 to arrive elevator. Options 1-4 to 3-8c net lower. December 69; May 69 3-8; July 69 1-4; September 69 3-8.

Oats—Spot firm; mixed 54 1-2 to 55.

Lard—Barely steady.

Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Firm.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.38.

Cotton Seed Oil was dull with prices easier under freer crude offerings and liberal receipts. Prime crude 29 1-4 to 3-4; prime summer yellow 28 3-8 to 3-4; prime white 39 1-2 to 42; prime winter yellow 42 3-4 to 46 1-2; off summer yellow 37 to 38 1-2; good off summer yellow 37 3-4 to 38 3-4.

Potatoes—Steady; Maine in bulk per 180 pounds 2.37 to 2.62.

Cabbages—Steady; unchanged.

Freights to Liverpool—Steady; grain by steam 2d.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio 6 1-2; Santos No. 4, 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures net unchanged to a loss of 10 points.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Easier; state, Pennsylvania and nearby brown and mixed fancy 42 to 45; do fair to choice 38 to 40.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Duplicating yesterday's sharp decline, wheat prices on the local exchange broke approximately 2c per bushel today as a result of general selling but excepting on the December delivery, all of the loss was later regained, and the market closed fairly steady. Corn closed steady; oats were strong and provisions steady.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
Dec.	1 04 1-2	1 04 1-2	1 03 3-4
May	1 09	1 09 1-8	1 09
July	1 02	1 02 1-8	1 01 3-4
Corn.			
Dec.	60 3-8	60 3-8	59 7-8
May	62 1-2	62 1-2	62 3-8
July	62 1-8	62 3-8	62 1-4
Oats.			
Dec.	49 5-8	50 3-8	50 1-4
May	52	53	52 7-8
July	47	47 7-8	47 7-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	15 90	15 90	15 82 1-2
May	16 12 1-2	16 22 1-2	16 07 1-2
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 15	9 20	9 15
May	9 37 1-2	9 42 1-2	9 35
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan	8 22 1-2	8 27 1-2	8 20
May	8 45	8 52 1-2	8 45

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, easy. No. 2 spring wheat 1.07 to 1.08; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.02 5-8 to 1.05 1-2. No. 2 corn 60 to 60 1-2; No. 2 yellow 60 1-4 to 60 1-2. No. 2 white oats 52 1-4; No. 3 white 50 to 52. No. 2 rye 74 1-2. Good feeding barley 59 to 60. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.45 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.85. Clover contract grades 9.45. Short ribs, sides (loose) 8.00 to 8.37 1-2. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.50 to 14.62 1-2. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.12 1-2 to 9.15. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.62 1-2 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 8.—Rosin steady. Turpentine steady at 42 3-4c.

Savannah, Dec. 8.—Spirits turpentine firm 39; sales 992; receipts 1,398; shipments 2,079. Rosin firm; sales 3,681; receipts 4,903; shipments 13,405; stock 152,106. Quote: B, 2.90 to 3.00; D, 2.97 1-2 to 3.00; E, 2.95 to 3.00; F G, 2.97 1-2 to 3.00; H, 3.40 to 3.42 1-2; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.15; N, 6.20; WG, 6.45; WW, 6.55.

Charleston, Dec. 8.—Spirits turpentine firm 38 3-4. Rosin firm. Quote: A B C, 2.80; D, 2.80; E, 2.82 1-2 to 2.90.

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C. C. Railroad—127 bales cotton; 13 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—231 bales cotton; 7 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—2,601 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 29 barrels rosin; 34 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—70 bales cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 152 barrels rosin; 31 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—70 barrels tar; 17 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. City of Fayetteville—55 bales cotton; 59 barrels rosin; 258 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lisbon—100 barrels rosin; 9

Schr. Geneva Moore—25 bales cotton.

barrels tar.

Total—3,109 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 340 barrels rosin; 422 barrels tar; 43 barrels crude turpentine.

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KILLED DAUGHTERS AND RAN AMUCK

Man Becomes Suddenly Insane and Seeks to Shoot up The Town.

WAS PURSUED BY A CROWD

Forced Into Windows of Stores—Clerk Was Injured—Madness Due to Jealousy—Captured After a Wild Chase.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 8.—Becoming suddenly and violently insane, Hiram L. Badget, a resident of this town, today killed his two daughters, Florence aged 15, and Catherine, aged 7, and then ran amuck through the town, shooting at persons he met on the street and firing into the windows of the stores that he passed.

Fortunately only one person was injured by Badget during his mad rush down Main street, Frederick Wheeler, a grocer's clerk, receiving a painful wound in the leg.

Badget was pursued by a crowd of towns people who finally captured him and turned him over to the police.

From the nature of Badget's ravings at the police station the officers were of the opinion that his sudden madness was due primarily to jealousy.

Mrs. Badget, the mother of the murdered children, who had been away from home on a brief visit, returned tonight. She got her first news of the tragedy through reading of it in a newspaper while on her way home. The shock of the affair prostrated her and tonight she was under the care of a physician.

Badget was taken to the Cambridge jail this evening and placed in a padded cell.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

A Message From the President and a Bill Reorganizing This Service.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—An emergency volunteer army measure was advocated today by President Roosevelt in a special message to Congress and the draft of the bill accompanying the message was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Cullom. The President says the bill is intended to re-place the present law, which was placed on the statute books "piecemeal and hurriedly, partly on the eve of the war with Spain and partly after hostilities had actually commenced."

After declaring the present law to be faulty and wholly inadequate to a speedy and proper organization of a volunteer force the President says the bill proposed which was drawn under supervision of the Chief of Staff of the army, has the hearty approval of the War Department.

The proposed bill is elastic; under its purposes a force of 2,000,000 men could be raised as well as one of 50,000.

THE NATION'S RESOURCES

Roosevelt and Taft Advocate Permanent Public Improvements.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft publicly put themselves on record today in advocacy of the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements to conserve the natural resources of the Nation.

President-elect Taft presided at the joint conservation meeting this afternoon at the Belasco Theatre in this city at which President Roosevelt made the principal address. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft gave their unqualified approval for the carrying out of expert plans for conservation of the Nation's resources.

An audience which filled the theatre and which included Andrew Carnegie, John Mitchell, Senators, Congressmen and the Governors of several States, applauded every sentiment expressed.

FLEET EXPECTED IN FEBRUARY

Welcomed By President in Hampton Roads—Blue Jackets to Washington
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Roosevelt will welcome the battleship fleet to Hampton Roads from its cruise around the world about noon on February 22nd. The exercises will take place with the President's yacht Mayflower in the same position as upon the departure of the fleet on December 16, 1907. Admiral Arnold's third squadron of the Atlantic fleet is to meet the battleships, possibly well on towards Gibraltar, and escort them home.

About 2,500 of the blue jackets of Sperry's fleet will be brought to Washington to participate in the inaugueration ceremonies. After the review in Hampton Roads, the fleet will go to New York where the men will be given shore leave.

MORE INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Continues Investigation of Night Riders Actions.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Eight indictments charging alleged members of the night rider band of Reelfoot Lake with murder in the first degree were returned by a grand jury late today, the indictments alleging that the eight men named had a part in the actual putting to death of Captain Quentin Rankin at Walnut Log on the night of October 18th.

All of the men indicted today are under arrest and their cases will be called for trial tomorrow.

Don't forget the Horse Sale at Mills' stables Friday at 11 o'clock. **

FANATICS CAUSED A RIOT

Policeman Killed and Four Fatally Injured by Street Preacher and Followers—Leader Was Shot Down and Others Fled.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—In the shadow of the city hall a riot in which religious fanatics and policemen were participants and during which a hundred shots were fired, this afternoon resulted in the death of Policeman A. O. Dalbow, probable fatal injuries to four, and slight injuries to two other persons.

Those probably fatally injured are John Sharp, known as Adam God, a street preacher; Michael Mullant, a patrolman; Lola Pratt, 13 years old, and Patrick Clark, a police sergeant. Harry E. Stege, a policeman, and Geo. M. Holt, a probation officer, were also hurt.

The trouble occurred while the streets were crowded. While the fight was in progress the participants traversed an entire block.

Probation Officer Holt, of the juvenile court, today went to Fifth and Main streets to investigate a case of alleged abduction. Near that corner he met John Sharp, known as Adam God, who was exhorting a crowd. With Sharp were A. J. Selzer, a woman, and five children ranging in age from 3 to 14 years. Holt did not like the manner in which the woman attempted to get money contributions from the crowd and decided that she and her male companions were not proper persons to have the custody of young children.

"Adam God", who wears long white beard and hair, threatened the officer. Officer Holt was not armed but stood his ground until Adam God struck him a mighty blow behind the ear with a pistol, making an ugly wound. Holt then started for the police station for assistance. As Holt moved away the preacher tried to shoot him but the cartridge failed to explode.

Officer Holt rushed into the police station and announced that a band of religious fanatics armed to the teeth, were at the threshold of the station and he warned the officers to prepare for trouble. The sergeant in charge ordered Patrolman Charles Dalbow and Harry E. Stege to arrest Sharp and his followers.

Sharp and his companions were within 50 yards of the police station when the officers stepped into the street. The Sharpites gave evidence of frenzy and with profane abuse they served notice on all that they would preach "right under the eaves of the police station and the police cannot prevent us."

The officers did not, however, expect serious trouble and were not prepared for the volley of bullets which met them almost immediately after they appeared on the scene. Dalbow was killed instantly and a bullet passed through Stege's arm. Other officers, hearing the firing, rushed into the street and a general fight ensued. The officers refrained from shooting for fear of endangering the lives of innocent persons. Lieutenant Clark, who had come into the street unarmed, was shot in the eye and Patrolman Mullane was shot in the back as he hurried into the police station for reinforcements.

In the meantime a riot call brought policemen from all directions. Thoroughly aroused, the officers closed in on Sharp and his followers, firing as they went. When the firing ceased "Adam God" lay fatally shot through the head and body.

Oklahoma City., Okla., Dec. 8.—Jas. Sharp, styling himself Elijah II., at the head of a party of religious fanatics calling themselves "Holy Rollers" first appeared in Oklahoma City in March, 1905. Sharp, his wife, a young man named Green, and a boy said to have been Sharp's son, all nude, headed a procession of their followers one cold day in March, 1905, and attempted to parade the town.

They were arrested but allowed to go free provided they left the city. They went to the country southeast of Oklahoma City and camped until late in the Summer following. Then they became so obnoxious to the farmers that they were again arrested. A second time they were let off with a promise to leave the territory which they did, going to Colorado. Getting into similar trouble there, they traveled up the Pacific coast and finally reached Canada last Summer.

TAFT AGAIN ELECTED.

To Serve as President of Red Cross Society.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—President-elect Taft will be the only President of the United States to hold at the same time he occupied that position, another office at the head of one of the country's great National independent organizations.

Today at the annual meeting of the American Red Cross Society Mr. Taft was unanimously re-elected president. He accepted the office after he had been assured by the nominating committee that they had secured from the judge advocate general of the army the opinion that it would be entirely legal for him to retain the presidency of the Red Cross society at the same time he is acting as the Nation's chief executive.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

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GREAT FUTURE OF THE SOUTH

The Subject of an Impromptu Speech by The British Ambassador.

THE SOUTHERN CONGRESS

Of Business and Commercial Men in Session in Washington—Ambassador Brice Called on for a Speech. His Eulogy on South.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—Expressing the conviction that a great future is about to dawn upon the South, James Bryce, the British Ambassador, today received a notable reception from the delegates in attendance upon the Southern Commercial Congress, following a speech in which he declared that he is a well-wisher of the South.

The Ambassador was the center of attraction, although his visit was unexpected. Mr. Bryce came into the hall simply as a spectator, but the audience soon noted his presence, and immediately shouts of "speech, speech," filled the air, and he was compelled to yield to the desire of the Congress.

"Since I came here 18 months ago," said Mr. Bryce, "I have twice visited the South. I can hardly express to you the contrast between what I personally witnessed 27 years ago and the present conditions. Wherever I have been in the South I have been struck by the signs of activity, progress and development. I see the land being brought more and more into cultivation; more and more being done for agricultural methods. I saw the resources of your soil, of coal and iron, being brought to light and I saw a new spirit i nthe South which desires to make educational progress commensurate with material development."

The Ambassador pointed out the enormous difficulties with which the South has had to contend since the Civil War. "Now, however," he continued, "there is a great door open before you and as one of the well-wishers of the South, who believes in its greatness as a flourishing and important part of the country, I venture to congratulate you on what is being done and to say that still greater prospects are before you."

The afternoon session was presided over by Judge George Hillyer, a member of the Georgia State Railroad Commission, who in a brief address reviewed the work of that body in dealing with the transportation companies. The principal speakers were William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh N. C., and Dr. J. A. Bonsteel, of the United States Bureau of Soils.

Preliminary to the convening of the morning session, Grosvenor Dawe, secretary of the Commercial Club, of Montgomery, Ala., called attention to the wrong impression which has gained considerable headway in foreign countries, notably in Europe, regarding the health conditions in the Southern States. He declared that in Northeastern Europe and the British Isles, the immigrant maps have black and yellow splotches over what are called the Southern States, the idea being that certain Southern States are infected with yellow fever and, therefore, unfitted for a place of residence. Mr. Dawe said this impression is unjust to the South. He, therefore, advocated the carrying on of an active propaganda in foreign countries to make the South better understood in this respect.

D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, N. C., followed in an address on "Cotton Monopoly and Cotton Manufacture." Mr. Tompkins' declaration that the Southern people have been slow to change their view which surrounded conditions that slavery made, met with a cordial reception. "They have got to come to a new set of conditions, surrounded by new institutions," he added.

Parker Chosen President.

By a resolution adopted tonight the Congress became a permanent organization. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected, John M. Parker, of New Orleans, being chosen president. The constitution provides for an active and an honorary membership, the president of the United States, the vice president, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the State vice presidents of the organization being in the latter class.

Important Resolutions.

Among the resolutions presented by the resolutions committee and adopted, one of the most important was that in regard to needed railroad extension in the South. The resolution was as follows: "Railroad construction has been extensive but the rapid commercial growth of the South requires an enormous increase in its railroad facilities to transport to market its many and varied products. The construction of adequate facilities can be accomplished only by assuring the holders of capital that such enterprises will be safeguarded by conservative and constructive legislation and we urge upon our Southern legislators the wisdom of such policy and condemn any agitation leading to the contrary.

"We favor a spirit of co-operation between the people and railroads and other corporate interests, to the end that the required confidence of investors may be established in the securities of the corporations of the South."

Another resolution adopted to be urged upon Congress, "immediate action for the practical development and improvement of our inland water ways and harbors upon a broad and comprehensive plan."

The establishment of the proposed Appalachian and White Mountain National Forest Reserve was declared in another resolution to be of paramount importance to the nation.

Vice President Ruge was instructed to head a delegation to call upon Congress tomorrow to urge the immediate passage of such legislation.

Other resolutions favored good roads, a larger merchant marine and comprehensive revision of the "obsolete regulations and laws governing our merchant marine." Conservation of our National resources, "Adequate development of Southern waterways and harbors," further extension of industrial training in the public schools and the establishment generally of industrial and agricultural schools and the systematic study of public affairs by commercial bodies as well as by individual citizens.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the prime mover of the new organization, G. Grosvenor Dawe, of Montgomery, Ala.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, who spoke on "Present and Prospective Educational Progress."

Other officers Chosen.

John M. Farker, the new president, took the chair immediately after his election. The other officers chosen were as follows:

First vice president—John G. Ruge, Appalachicola, Fla.

Managing director—G. Grosvenor Dawe, Montgomery, Ala.

Secretary—Edwin L. Quarles, Petersburg Va.

Treasurer—John A Betteman, Albany Ga

State vice presidents as follows: T. T. Glass Alabama. C. R. Breckenridge, Arkansas; John G. Christopher, Florida; T. S. Rawoth, Georgia; J. B. Atkinson Kentucky; Philip Werlein, Louisiana; Charles Scott, Mississippi; A. E. Tate North Carolina; John W. Foven, Tennessee; M Lecker, Texas; William Anderson, Virginia; A. K. Thom, West Virginia, and George W. Simmons, Missouri.

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